

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 19

By: Pederson of the Senate
and
Strom of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging further economic ties and friendship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the longstanding bonds of friendship, economic ties, and bonds of friendship between the United States and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act, continue to yield important economic, social, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' eighth-largest trading partner with bilateral trade reaching \$166 billion, the thirteenth-largest goods export market of the United States, and the sixth-largest export market for United States agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the robust United States-Taiwan trade and investment partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation, expand the global market, and secure international supply chains; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global
2 challenges, from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security
3 threats and pandemic prevention; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner
5 with the United States on a range of issues to promote shared values
6 of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, since 1980, Oklahoma and Taiwan have maintained a
8 sister-state relationship and enjoy particularly close economic
9 ties; Taiwan is Oklahoma's tenth-largest export partner in Asia with
10 over \$37 million in goods and services exported to Taiwan in 2023;
11 and the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in
12 Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and medium-sized
13 enterprises in trade and investment; and

14 WHEREAS, given the important role Taiwan plays in global
15 aviation security, Taiwan's participation in the International Civil
16 Aviation Organization (ICAO) would help develop a global aviation
17 safety network and address vital issues such as the unilateral
18 adjustment of flight routes in the Taiwan Strait like the M503; and

19 WHEREAS, Oklahoma and the United States have benefited
20 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan,
21 and the wider world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan
22 works to enhance its presence in the international community.
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
2 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses support for
5 strengthening its partnership with Taiwan, for the expansion of
6 Taiwan's role on the global stage, and for its efforts to preserve
7 peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait through meaningful
8 dialogue.

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports a tax agreement
10 between the United States and Taiwan and supports Taiwan's
11 meaningful participation in international organizations like the
12 Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), International
13 Civil Aviation Organization, International Criminal Police
14 Organization, and many others.

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 45th
16 anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 44th anniversary of
17 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and
18 Taiwan.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei
20 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

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