

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 8

By: Pederson of the Senate
and
Strom of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging further partnership between Oklahoma and Taiwan; supporting Taiwan's participation in international organizations; celebrating Taiwan Relations Act anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the longstanding sister-state relationship, close economic ties, and bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important economic, social, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, with bilateral trade reaching \$114 billion, and the sixth-largest export market for U.S. agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-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 U.S. on a range of issues to promote our common values of
6 freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is Oklahoma's seventh-largest export partner in
8 Asia, with over \$32 million in goods and services exported to Taiwan
9 in 2022, and the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment
10 Office in Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and
11 medium-sized enterprises in trade and investment; and

12 WHEREAS, Oklahoma and the U.S. have benefited immeasurably
13 through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan, and the wider
14 world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan works to enhance
15 its presence in the international community.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
17 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses Oklahoma's support
20 for strengthening our partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion
21 of Taiwan's role on the global stage.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports a bilateral trade
23 agreement between the U.S. and Taiwan, and supports their meaningful
24 participation in international organizations like the Indo-Pacific

1 Economic Framework for Prosperity, World Health Assembly,
2 International Civil Aviation Organization, and the United Nations
3 Framework Convention on Climate Change.

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 44th
5 anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 43rd anniversary of
6 the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and
7 Taiwan.

8 THAT a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei
9 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

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