Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

Pae, Lawson, Strom, and Hilbert of the House

A Concurrent Resolution expressing support for partnership with Taiwan; supporting tax agreement; celebrating the 46th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the longstanding bonds of friendship and economic ties between the U.S. and the Republic of China (Taiwan), embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important economic, social, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 Taiwan ranked 4th on the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom, holds an important position in the global economy as a top player in the world's information and communications technology industry, and is a trusted partner for economic cooperation and exchanges in industries like smart machinery, the Internet of Things, biotechnology, energy technology, national defense, semiconductors, and the circular economy; and

WHEREAS, U.S.-Taiwan trade reached \$158.6 billion in 2024 with Taiwan ranking as the United States' 6th-largest export market for American agricultural products and 7th-largest merchandise trading partner; 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, democratic supply chains; and WHEREAS, Taiwan is a pivotal force for stability in the Indopacific that amplifies the values of democracy, peace, and prosperity by partnering with like-minded countries through integrated diplomacy to address global challenges; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the U.S. on a range of issues to promote our common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, since 1980, Oklahoma and Taiwan have maintained a sister-state relationship and enjoy particularly close economic ties; Oklahoma exported over \$46 million in goods to Taiwan in 2024; and the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan could enhance the participation of small and medium-sized enterprises in trade and investment; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 Governor Kevin Stitt led a delegation to Taiwan to sign an economic cooperation agreement encouraging trade, investment, and industrial cooperation in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, drones, critical minerals, and energy resilience between Oklahoma and Taiwan; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports a tax agreement between the United States and Taiwan.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 46th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 and the 45th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan, and supports the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan.

THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

Adopted by the Senate the 16th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this

day of _____, 20 ____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____