

1 WHEREAS, during the coronavirus pandemic, Taiwan and the United States signed
2 the Taiwan-U.S. Anti-Epidemic Partnership, also known as the Partnership against
3 Coronavirus, to demonstrate the two countries collaborative efforts and determination to
4 combat the coronavirus pandemic; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to past collaborations that involve combating the
6 coronavirus pandemic, the two countries have partnered together on a range of issues to
7 promote common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights and have created
8 programs, such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, which Taiwan along
9 with the United States and the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association jointly administer to
10 promote Taiwan's expertise in a wide variety of fields, such as human rights, women's
11 empowerment, digital economy and cybersecurity, and public health; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to creating and maintaining international bonds with our
13 nation, Taiwan has also developed a strong and special bond with this state; and

14 WHEREAS, this year marks the thirty-seventh anniversary of the sister state
15 relationship between Louisiana and Taiwan, a bond nurtured through mutually beneficial
16 exchanges; and

17 WHEREAS, an example of those mutually beneficial exchanges, is the successful
18 and profitable bilateral trade between Taiwan and Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2020, Louisiana's exports to Taiwan reached approximately three
20 hundred ninety million dollars in commodities and Louisiana's imports from Taiwan reached
21 approximately one hundred thirty-two million dollars in Taiwanese commodities; and

22 WHEREAS, not only has Taiwan's unwavering friendship with this nation and its
23 sister state, Louisiana, proven to be fathomless throughout the decades, both the United
24 States and Louisiana have benefitted immensely and continue to benefit immensely from
25 Taiwan's economic investment and companionship.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 express its recognition and encouragement of Taiwan's economic ties and friendship with
28 the United States and Louisiana.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express
30 all of the following:

- 1 (1) Support for a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan
2 for Taiwan's participation in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement
3 for Trans-Pacific Partnership.
- 4 (2) Support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in the International Criminal
5 Police Organization (Interpol), the International Civil Aviation Organization,
6 the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the
7 World Health Assembly.
- 8 (3) Support for Louisiana to establish a partnership with Taiwan through the
9 National Guard State Partnership program to build on our decades of
10 mutually beneficial relations.
- 11 (4) Support for recognition of the forty-third anniversary of the enactment of the
12 Taiwan Relations Act and the thirty-seventh anniversary of the sister state
13 relationship between Louisiana and Taiwan.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr.
15 Robert Lo, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

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