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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Expresses support for the strengthening of the state's partnership with Taiwan

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 To express support for the strengthening of the state's partnership with the Republic of
3 China (Taiwan) and the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage.
4 WHEREAS, the longstanding bonds of friendship between the United States and
5 Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important
6 economic, social, strategic, and cultural benefits; and
7 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' eighth largest trading partner and
8 thirteenth largest export market with bilateral trade in goods and services that reached one
9 hundred sixty-six billion dollars in 2023 as well as the sixth largest export market for the
10 United States' agricultural products; and
11 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a particularly important market for Louisiana farmers and is
12 Louisiana's fifth largest trading partner in the Asia-Pacific; moreover, Taiwan imported
13 nearly eight hundred fifteen million dollars in commodities from Louisiana in 2023, and
14 Louisiana imported one hundred ninety-one million dollars in Taiwanese goods; and
15 WHEREAS, Taiwan's recent action to lift restrictions on United States' beef and pork
16 in January 2021 served to enhance bilateral trade; and
17 WHEREAS, the robust trade and investment partnership between the United States
18 and Taiwan provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement
19 to spur job creation, further expand the global market, and secure international supply
20 chains; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global challenges, from
2 humanitarian crises to nontraditional security threats; moreover, it has emerged as an
3 important partner in pandemic prevention, bolstering unprecedented international support
4 for Taiwan's bid to participate in the World Health Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the United
6 States on a range of issues to promote our common values of freedom, democracy, and
7 human rights, building on the cooperative tradition of prior joint partnerships such as the
8 Global Cooperation and Training Framework, which advances Taiwanese leadership in such
9 arenas as democratization, human rights, women's empowerment, and public health; and

10 WHEREAS, given the important role Taiwan plays in global aviation security,
11 Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization would help develop
12 a global aviation safety network and address vital issues such as the unilateral adjustment
13 of flight routes in the Taiwan Strait; and

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

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

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 express its support for the strengthening of the partnership with Taiwan, the expansion of
23 Taiwan's role on the global stage, and Taiwan's efforts to preserve peace and stability in the
24 Taiwan Strait through meaningful dialogue.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby do all
26 of the following:

27 (1) Express support for a tax agreement between the United States and Taiwan.

28 (2) Express support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international
29 organizations like the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, United Nations, World Health

1 Organization, International Civil Aviation Organization, International Criminal Police
2 Organization, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

3 (3) Express support for Louisiana to establish a partnership with Taiwan through the
4 National Guard's State Partnership Program to build on decades of mutually beneficial
5 relations.

6 (4) Celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations
7 Act and the thirty-ninth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the state of
8 Louisiana and Taiwan.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

DIGEST

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