

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 944

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the well-established sister-state relationship between the State of Texas and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, The year 2009 marks the 21st anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Taiwan and the State of Texas; this affiliation was begun in June of 1988; and

WHEREAS, Frequent mutual visits by public officials from Texas and Taiwan over the past years have served to promote the exchange of ideas and strengthen the ties of friendship between the diverse cultures of these two states; and

WHEREAS, Numerous special sister relationships have been forged between the cities and counties in Taiwan and Texas; Taipei and Dallas have been sister cities since 1996; other sister-city pairs are Addison and Bian Chao, Plano and Hsin Chu, Grand Prairie and Gueishan, Garland and Luchu, and Carrollton and Yung Ho; Dallas County and Tao Yuan County are sister counties; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas has a vital economic relationship with Taiwan; in 2008, Texas exported goods worth almost \$4 million to Taiwan, making it this state's eighth-largest export market; the states enjoy a thriving commerce in components for computers and electronics and in petroleum and chemical products, among other items; and

WHEREAS, Sister relationships between cities, counties, and states are an excellent means to promote cultural and economic exchange and enhance relationships between nations, and the sister-state relationship between the State of Texas and Taiwan is a model of this type of beneficial exchange; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Taiwan on its ongoing participation with the State of Texas in a sister-state relationship of long standing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the people of Taiwan as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate