

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The expansion of Taiwan's role in the international
2 community will enhance the important relationship between Taiwan
3 and the United States, which is supported by common values of
4 freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and a commitment to a free
5 market economy; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest
7 trading partner, and Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of
8 the United States; in 2012, bilateral trade in goods and services
9 between the two nations reached \$63 billion; Taiwan is the largest
10 per capita importer of U.S. farm products in the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been granted membership in the U.S. Visa
12 Waiver Program, reflecting the friendship, trust, and cooperation
13 shared between our two countries; moreover, Taiwan is recognized
14 for its exemplary economic and environmental progress; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the past quarter-century, Texas has benefited
16 from economic and cultural ties to Taiwan that are nurtured by a
17 vibrant Sister State relationship; our state's exports to Taiwan
18 were valued at more than \$3.6 billion in 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, Greater participation by Taiwan in international
20 agreements and organizations will contribute immeasurably to its
21 prosperity, thereby heightening the synergies created through the
22 close and dynamic commercial partnership between Taiwan and the
23 United States; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

1 Legislature hereby express its support for the expansion of
2 Taiwan's role in the international community; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives specifically
4 endorse the propositions that Taiwan:

- 5 • sign the Bilateral Investment Agreement;
- 6 • sign the Free Trade Agreement with the United
7 States;
- 8 • participate as an observer in the International
9 Civil Aviation Organization;
- 10 • participate in the United Nations Framework
11 Convention on Climate Change; and
- 12 • join the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston as
16 an expression of the sentiment of the Texas House of
17 Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1194

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1194 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House