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H.C.R. No. 127

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The longstanding bonds of friendship between the
2 United States and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of
3 1979, continue to yield important economic, social, strategic, and
4 cultural benefits; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2024, U.S.-Taiwan trade reached \$158.6 billion,
6 with Taiwan ranking as the United States' sixth-largest export
7 market for American agricultural products and the seventh-largest
8 merchandise trading partner; that same year, Taiwan was fourth on
9 the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom; the nation
10 holds an important position in the global economy as a leader in the
11 world's information and communications technology industry, and it
12 is a trusted partner for economic cooperation and exchanges in
13 industries such as those for smart machinery, the Internet of
14 Things, biotechnology, energy technology, national defense,
15 semiconductors, and the circular economy; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups
17 partner with the United States on a range of issues to promote our
18 common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; these
19 partnerships build on the cooperative tradition of prior
20 initiatives such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework,
21 which advances Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as
22 democratization, human rights, women's empowerment, and public
23 health; and

24 WHEREAS, Since 1988, Texas and Taiwan have maintained a

1 sister-state relationship, and their robust trade and investment
2 partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial
3 bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation, further expand the
4 global market, and secure international, democratic supply chains;
5 Taiwan is Texas' seventh-largest trade partner, with two-way trade
6 reaching over \$25.5 billion in 2024; in addition, Governor Greg
7 Abbott traveled to Taiwan last year to open the State of Texas
8 Taiwan Office, which facilitates pragmatic connections and
9 exchanges between our peoples, institutions, and economies; and

10 WHEREAS, Texas and the United States have benefited
11 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan,
12 and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating the longevity of this
13 unique and vibrant partnership; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby express its support for the strengthening of our partnership
16 with Taiwan; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives and Senate
18 hereby:

19 (a) commend Governor Greg Abbott for his efforts to
20 strengthen bilateral trade and investment relations with Taiwan;
21 and

22 (b) celebrate the 46th anniversary of the enactment of the
23 Taiwan Relations Act and the 37th anniversary of the sister-state
24 relationship between the State of Texas and Taiwan; and, be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
27 for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston and the

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1 Capitol Press Corps as an expression of the sentiment of the Texas
2 House of Representatives and Senate.