1-1 By: Lujan, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.C.R. No. 127 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 20, 2025; 1-3 May 20, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic 1-4 Development; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1-14 WHEREAS, The longstanding bonds of friendship between the 1-15 United States and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1-16 1979, continue to yield important economic, social, strategic, and 1-17 cultural benefits; and

1**-**17 1**-**18 cultural benefits; and WHEREAS, In 2024, U.S.-Taiwan trade reached \$158.6 billion, with Taiwan ranking as the United States' sixth-largest export 1-19 1-20 market for American agricultural products and the seventh-largest merchandise trading partner; that same year, Taiwan was fourth on the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom; the nation 1-21 1-22 1-23 holds an important position in the global economy as a leader in the world's information and communications technology industry, and it 1-24 is a trusted partner for economic cooperation and exchanges in industries such as those for smart machinery, the Internet of 1-25 1-26 1-27 1-28 Things, biotechnology, energy technology, semiconductors, and the circular economy; and national defense,

1-29 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the United States on a range of issues to promote our 1-30 common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; these 1-31 1-32 partnerships build on the cooperative tradition of prior 1-33 initiatives such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, 1-34 Taiwanese leadership in which advances such arenas as 1-35 democratization, human rights, women's empowerment, and public 1-36 health; and

WHEREAS, Since 1988, Texas and Taiwan have maintained a sister-state relationship, and their robust trade and investment 1-37 1-38 partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial 1-39 1-40 bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation, further expand the 1-41 global market, and secure international, democratic supply chains; Taiwan is Texas' seventh-largest trade partner, with two-way trade reaching over \$25.5 billion in 2024; in addition, Governor Greg Abbott traveled to Taiwan last year to open the State of Texas 1-42 1-43 1-44 1-45 Taiwan Office, which facilitates pragmatic connections and 1-46 exchanges between our peoples, institutions, and economies; and

1-47 WHEREAS, Texas and the United States have benefited 1-48 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan, 1-49 and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating the longevity of this 1-50 unique and vibrant partnership; now, therefore, be it

1-50 unique and vibrant partnership; now, therefore, be it 1-51 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas 1-52 hereby express its support for the strengthening of our partnership 1-53 with Taiwan; and, be it further

1-54 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives and Senate 1-55 hereby:

1-56 (a) commend Governor Greg Abbott for his efforts to 1-57 strengthen bilateral trade and investment relations with Taiwan; 1-58 and

1-59 (b) celebrate the 46th anniversary of the enactment of the 1-60 Taiwan Relations Act and the 37th anniversary of the sister-state 1-61 relationship between the State of Texas and Taiwan; and, be it

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2-1 further 2-2 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared 2-3 for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston and the 2-4 Capitol Press Corps as an expression of the sentiment of the Texas 2-5 House of Representatives and Senate.

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