

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1001

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Virgin, Walke, Wallace, West (Josh),
West (Kevin), West (Tammy), Worthen
and Wright of the House

16 and

17 Treat of the Senate

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20 A Concurrent Resolution relating to the relationship
21 between the United States of America and the Republic
22 of China (Taiwan); making findings; and directing
23 distribution.
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1 WHEREAS, for decades, the United States of America and the
2 Republic of China (Taiwan) have fostered a close relationship of
3 enormous mutual economic, cultural and strategic benefit to both
4 parties; and

5 WHEREAS, bilateral trade between the U.S. and Taiwan reached
6 \$68.2 billion in 2017, making Taiwan the eleventh largest trading
7 partner of the U.S. and the largest per capita importer of U.S.
8 agricultural products; and

9 WHEREAS, both nations could realize further economic gains
10 through establishing a bilateral trade agreement (BTA) as well as
11 enhancing platforms such as a Trade and Investment Framework
12 Agreement (TIFA) and Digital Economy Forum (DEF); and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan maintains biennial agricultural procurement
14 missions to the U.S. to sign multibillion-dollar supply deals and
15 has been actively dispatching a substantial delegation to
16 participate in the SelectUSA Investment Summit since 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, the World Economic Forum's 2018 Global Competitiveness
18 Report rated Taiwan thirteenth amongst 140 economies and recognized
19 Taiwan as one of the World's Four Super Innovators, resulting from
20 wide-ranging regulatory efforts to build an environment conducive to
21 financial sector development and foreign direct investment, and
22 underscoring the impact of Taiwan's "Five Plus Two" industrial
23 innovation initiative targeting the high-growth sectors of biotech
24 and pharmaceuticals, green energy, national defense, smart machinery

1 and Internet of Things, as well as the circular economy and a new
2 paradigm of agriculture; and

3 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 has continued to
4 provide a sturdy foundation for robust U.S.-Taiwan relations to
5 flourish for nearly 40 years, contributing to peace and stability in
6 the Asia-Pacific region; this year the Taiwan Travel Act was passed
7 by both chambers of the U.S. Congress and signed by President Trump
8 to encourage high-level officials' visits between our two countries;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, both countries have further affirmed the partnership in
11 such areas as international humanitarian assistance, public health
12 and technology under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework
13 (GCTF) established in June 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the thirty-ninth anniversary of Oklahoma-
15 Taiwan sister-state relations, which have nurtured and maintained a
16 friendship built upon unwavering bonds beneficial and rewarding for
17 both governments and their citizens now and in the future: Oklahoma
18 exported \$34,431,112.00 in goods and services to Taiwan in 2018
19 making Taiwan the sixth largest export partner for Oklahoma in Asia;
20 Taiwan sent a business delegation to visit Oklahoma companies in
21 November 2018, which reflects Taiwan's commitment to deepening
22 economic ties with Oklahoma; and

23 WHEREAS, travel from Taiwan to the United States increased by
24 more than 50% since Taiwan's participation in the U.S. Visa Waiver

1 Program in 2012, and Taiwan joined the U.S. Global Entry program
2 since November 2017, these significant efforts will continue to
3 promote tourism and encourage exchanges between the two peoples.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT we do hereby encourage closer economic relationships
8 between the United States and Taiwan by negotiating a BTA between
9 the two countries.

10 THAT we commend Taiwan's inclusion in the U.S. Global Entry and
11 Visa Waiver Program to encourage economic and cultural exchanges.

12 THAT we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of enactment of the
13 Taiwan Relations Act and the thirty-ninth anniversary of the sister-
14 state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan.

15 THAT we commend Mr. Peter C.Y. Chen, Director General of the
16 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, for efforts and
17 contributions toward enhancing cooperation between Oklahoma and
18 Taiwan.

19 THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Peter C.Y.
20 Chen.

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