

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1001

By: McCall of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution relating to the relationship
11 between the United States of America and the Republic
12 of China (Taiwan); making findings; and directing
13 distribution.

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15 WHEREAS, for decades, the United States of America and the
16 Republic of China (Taiwan) have fostered a close relationship of
17 enormous mutual economic, cultural and strategic benefit to both
18 parties; and

19 WHEREAS, bilateral trade between the U.S. and Taiwan reached
20 \$68.2 billion in 2017, making Taiwan the eleventh largest trading
21 partner of the U.S. and the largest per capita importer of U.S.
22 agricultural products; and

23 WHEREAS, both nations could realize further economic gains
24 through establishing a bilateral trade agreement (BTA) as well as

1 enhancing platforms such as a Trade and Investment Framework
2 Agreement (TIIFA) and Digital Economy Forum (DEF); and

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

7 WHEREAS, the World Economic Forum's 2018 Global Competitiveness
8 Report rated Taiwan thirteenth amongst 140 economies and recognized
9 Taiwan as one of the World's Four Super Innovators, resulting from
10 wide-ranging regulatory efforts to build an environment conducive to
11 financial sector development and foreign direct investment, and
12 underscoring the impact of Taiwan's "Five Plus Two" industrial
13 innovation initiative targeting the high-growth sectors of biotech
14 and pharmaceuticals, green energy, national defense, smart machinery
15 and Internet of Things, as well as the circular economy and a new
16 paradigm of agriculture; and

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

23 WHEREAS, both countries have further affirmed the partnership in
24 such areas as international humanitarian assistance, public health

1 and technology under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework
2 (GCTF) established in June 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the thirty-ninth anniversary of Oklahoma-
4 Taiwan sister-state relations, which have nurtured and maintained a
5 friendship built upon unwavering bonds beneficial and rewarding for
6 both governments and their citizens now and in the future: Oklahoma
7 exported \$34,431,112 in goods and services to Taiwan in 2018 making
8 Taiwan the sixth largest export partner for Oklahoma in Asia; Taiwan
9 sent a business delegation to visit Oklahoma companies in November
10 2018, which reflects Taiwan's commitment to deepening economic ties
11 with Oklahoma; and

12 WHEREAS, travel from Taiwan to the United States increased by
13 more than 50 percent (50%) since Taiwan's participation in the U.S.
14 Visa Waiver Program in 2012, and Taiwan joined the U.S. Global Entry
15 program since November 2017, these significant efforts will continue
16 to promote tourism and encourage exchanges between the two peoples.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT we do hereby encourage closer economic relationships
21 between the United States and Taiwan by negotiating a BTA between
22 the two countries.

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

1 THAT we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of enactment of the
2 Taiwan Relations Act and the thirty-ninth anniversary of the sister-
3 state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan.

4 THAT we commend Mr. Peter Chen, Director General of the Taipei
5 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, for efforts and
6 contributions toward enhancing cooperation between Oklahoma and
7 Taiwan.

8 THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Peter C. Y.
9 Chen.

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