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Introduced by:
(GAE)

***RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE
RELATIONSHIP.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and the Republic of China
2 (Taiwan) have enjoyed a long history of friendship and have maintained
3 a fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural, educational
4 and economic exchanges since 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 249 million dollars'
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2023, making Taiwan one of the most
7 important foreign markets for Connecticut, and strengthening a robust
8 bilateral trade relationship as well as fostering a continued collaboration
9 between their respective industries; and

10 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free-market
11 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and
12 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial
13 relations; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan
15 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral relationship as
16 well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between
17 the United States and Taiwan, and the TRA, together with the Six
18 Assurances of President Ronald Reagan in 1982, have served as the
19 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations and have helped to
20 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

21 WHEREAS, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial to the
22 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific, and Taiwan is an
23 indispensable partner in safeguarding peace and stability in the region;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
26 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education
27 and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide instruction in Mandarin, and
28 given Mandarin's designation as a critical language for maintaining
29 national security by the United States, the state of Connecticut welcomes
30 opportunities to advance educational exchanges with Taiwan; and

31 WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed mutual driver's license recognition
32 pacts with 36 states of the United States since 2013, and more than 25,000
33 Taiwanese and American citizens have taken advantage of such pacts,
34 and were Taiwan and the state of Connecticut to enter into a driver's
35 license reciprocity agreement with each other, such an agreement would
36 help increase the mobility of international students, business owners
37 and academics from both sides; and

38 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver
39 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation enjoyed
40 by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allows Taiwan and the
41 United States to develop closer relations and witness rapid growth in all
42 areas of bilateral development; and

43 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in
44 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation
45 Organization (ICAO), the International Criminal Police Organization

46 (INTERPOL) and the United Nations Framework Convention on
47 Climate Change (UNFCCC), and it will continue to support Taiwan's
48 participation in the United Nations and other international
49 organizations; and

50 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan enjoy longstanding and
51 extensive economic ties, including 127 billion dollars in bilateral trade
52 in 2023, making Taiwan the eighth largest trading partner of the United
53 States; and

54 WHEREAS, the advancement of negotiations on the U.S.-Taiwan
55 Initiative on 21st Century Trade and an Avoidance of Double Taxation
56 Agreement (ADTA) with the United States would strengthen bilateral
57 economic and trade partnerships and create jobs, incentivize investment
58 and fortify the resilience of the supply chain for both countries; and

59 WHEREAS, Taiwan supports and wishes to become a full member of
60 the United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), which
61 will help bolster the economic potential of the region by defining shared
62 trade objectives among partners and addressing standards for
63 technology, supply chains, the digital economy and clean energy.

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General
65 Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the twenty-sixth
66 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and
67 reiterate its support for a closer economic, educational, scientific and
68 security partnership between the United States and the Republic of
69 China (Taiwan); and

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and House
71 of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the Taipei
72 Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

GAE *Joint Favorable*