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Substitute House Joint Resolution No. 34

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2026*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BLUMENTHAL of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute joint resolution ought to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 335 million dollars'  
6       worth of products to Taiwan in 2025, 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, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was  
11       launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education  
12       and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide instruction in Mandarin, and

13 given Mandarin's designation as a critical language for maintaining  
14 national security by the United States, the state of Connecticut welcomes  
15 opportunities to advance educational exchanges with Taiwan and  
16 signed an Education Exchange Memorandum in January 2025; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed mutual driver's license recognition  
18 pacts with 36 states of the United States since 2013, and more than 25,000  
19 Taiwanese and American citizens have taken advantage of such pacts,  
20 and Taiwan and the state of Connecticut have been working closely to  
21 enter into a driver's license reciprocity agreement to help increase the  
22 mobility of international students, business owners and academics from  
23 both sides; and

24 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free-market  
25 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and  
26 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial  
27 relations; and

28 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan  
29 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral relationship as  
30 well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between  
31 the United States and Taiwan, and the TRA, together with the Six  
32 Assurances of President Ronald Reagan in 1982, have served as the  
33 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations and have helped to  
34 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

35 WHEREAS, 2026 marks the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of  
36 American independence and the founding of the constitutional  
37 republic, and also marks the thirtieth anniversary of Taiwan's first direct  
38 presidential election, in which the Taiwanese people fully exercised  
39 their democratic rights and the United States stood shoulder-to-  
40 shoulder with Taiwan as steadfast democratic value partners in the  
41 Western Pacific; and

42 WHEREAS, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial to the  
43 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific, and Taiwan is an  
44 indispensable partner in safeguarding peace and stability in the region;

45 and

46 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver  
47 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation enjoyed  
48 by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allows Taiwan and the  
49 United States to develop closer relations and witness rapid growth in all  
50 areas of bilateral development; and

51 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in  
52 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the  
53 International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and it will  
54 continue to support Taiwan's participation in the United Nations and  
55 other international organizations; and

56 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan enjoy longstanding and  
57 extensive economic ties, including 256 billion dollars in bilateral trade  
58 in 2025, making Taiwan the fourth largest trading partner of the United  
59 States; and

60 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2026, the United States and Taiwan  
61 signed the Agreement on Reciprocal Trade, which further strengthens  
62 the economic and trade relationship between the United States and  
63 Taiwan; provides mutual benefits; facilitates significant expansion and  
64 growth of United States manufacturing through substantial tariff  
65 reductions, removal of nontariff barriers and investments and  
66 procurement in key sectors and products; enhances balanced trade; and  
67 fortifies the semiconductor supply chain; and

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

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General  
74 Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the twenty-seventh  
75 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and

76 reiterate its support for a closer economic, educational, scientific and  
77 security partnership between the United States and the Republic of  
78 China (Taiwan); and

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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The resolution commemorates the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

### **The Out Years**

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**Municipal Impact:** None



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze resolutions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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