

1 A RESOLUTION commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and
2 the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who both deeply
4 cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in 2021, Kentucky and Taiwan signed the higher and K-12 education
7 cooperation memorandums of understanding aimed at Mandarin-English language
8 exchange programs, expanding access to English and Mandarin Chinese language
9 instruction; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been experiencing continuous threats from the
11 authoritarian neighbor of China, which has encroached on Taiwan's security by flying in
12 Taiwan's air defense identification zone, disseminating disinformation and launching
13 cyber-attacks, and repeatedly excluding Taiwan from the international system, as
14 demonstrated through its denial of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States and Taiwan experienced strengthening in
17 bilateral relations; the State Department loosened restrictions on official contacts with
18 Taiwan; both sides resumed the eleventh Trade and Investment Framework Agreement
19 Council meeting; the United States continued to approve its arms sales to Taiwan,
20 demonstrating that the United States has always placed great importance on Taiwan's
21 defense capabilities; Taiwan and the United States, along with Japan, welcomed Australia
22 as the fourth official partner of the Global Cooperation and Training Framework; and
23 most recently, the United States included Taiwan in the 2021 Summit for Democracy;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan has contributed extensive resources to help the international
26 community, including the United States, combat the COVID-19 pandemic through the
27 global donation of tens of millions of surgical and N95 masks, hundreds of thousands of

1 isolation gowns, and tens of thousands of thermometers, and reciprocally, the United
2 States has donated 4 million doses of the Moderna vaccine to Taiwan; and

3 WHEREAS, the Taiwan government and Taiwanese communities have donated
4 more than \$120,000 to support the recovery work after Kentucky's deadly tornadoes,
5 besides, Tzu Chi Foundation, a Taiwanese international humanitarian NGO, dispatched
6 volunteers to Mayfield and Bowling Green and offered a \$1,000 cash card to each
7 severely impacted household along with blankets, scarves, and face masks; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' 9th-largest trading partner, and the United
9 States is Taiwan's 2nd-largest trading partner. Taiwan supports an estimated 330,000 jobs
10 in the United States; and Taiwan is the 21st export market of Kentucky and Kentucky's
11 17th largest import country, investing \$11 million in Kentucky and supporting an
12 estimated 1,900 jobs in Kentucky; and recently, South Carolina, New Mexico, Montana,
13 and Pennsylvania have established trade offices in Taiwan to attract more investments;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Kentucky welcomes all opportunities for an even closer partnership on
16 business, educational, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges between the citizens of
17 both nations and to recover better together in the worldwide, post-pandemic economic
18 recovery efforts;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
21 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives encourages the members of this body
23 to join the Southeastern State Legislature Taiwan Caucus, calling like-minded states and
24 international communities to support Taiwan's democracy, freedom, and the nation's
25 meaningful participation in international organizations and cooperation, such as the
26 World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, INTERPOL,
27 the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Comprehensive and

1 Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

2 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives supports the early start of negotiations
3 on a US-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement and establishing a trade office in Taiwan, as
4 Taiwanese companies are looking for diverse and free markets in the United States
5 instead of China.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear, Secretary of State Michael Adams,
8 and Mr. Elliot Yi-lung Wang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
9 Office in Atlanta, Georgia.