

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

3           WHEREAS, Taiwan continues to be a responsible international stakeholder, despite  
4 a continuous, hostile, security threat imposed by China; and

5           WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the landmark  
6 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), which has facilitated a close partnership between the  
7 United States and Taiwan on security, business, educational, cultural, and people-to-  
8 people exchanges; and

9           WHEREAS, in 2023, Taiwan welcomed the largest number of United States  
10 official delegations to date; and

11           WHEREAS, China repeatedly excludes Taiwan from the United Nations system by  
12 constant distortion of United Nations Resolution 2758 (XXVI), as the resolution did not  
13 address the issue of representation of Taiwan and its people in the United Nations or any  
14 related organizations, nor did the resolution take a position on the relations between  
15 China and Taiwan; and

16           WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the  
17 United States is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, with an estimated \$160 billion  
18 in trade in 2022; and

19           WHEREAS, in June 2023, the United States and Taiwan signed the first agreement  
20 under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade, covering customs and border  
21 procedures, regulatory practices, and small business; and

22           WHEREAS, under a higher education and K-12 cooperation memorandum of  
23 understanding between Kentucky and Taiwan, and thanks to the cooperation between the  
24 Kentucky Department of Education and the Asia Institute Crane House, Taiwan  
25 welcomed nine English teachers to host a three-week English summer camp for 16  
26 elementary or middle schools;

27           NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3       ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives supports the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on  
4 21st-Century Trade and an Avoid Double Taxation Agreement between the United States  
5 and Taiwan, as Taiwanese companies are looking for a diverse and free market in the  
6 United States.

7       ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives welcomes the anniversary of the TRA,  
8 which reaffirms the United States' commitment to Taiwan, supports Taiwan's meaningful  
9 participation in international organizations and economic cooperation such as the World  
10 Health Organization, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,  
11 International Civil Aviation Organization, International Criminal Police Organization,  
12 Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, and Indo-  
13 Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity. The House of Representatives further  
14 encourages Kentuckians to take part in activities promoting Taiwan's cultures, cuisine,  
15 and tourism, and urges the members of this body to join the Kentucky-Taiwan Caucus in  
16 exploring increased collaboration with Taiwan, the Republic of China.

17       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
18 copy of this Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear, Secretary of State Michael G.  
19 Adams, the Kentucky Congressional Delegation, and Mr. Elliot Wang, Director-General  
20 of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta, Georgia.