

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

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America are long-standing allies who
4 both deeply cherish the common values of democracy, peace, and prosperity, toward
5 which Taiwan continues to pursue integrated diplomacy and serves the best interests of
6 the Indo-Pacific region by deepening ties with other like-minded nations, safeguarding
7 regional security, and utilizing Taiwan's technological and economic success to promote
8 partnerships on mutual benefits; and

9 WHEREAS, China repeatedly exerts economic coercion and stages military drills
10 directed toward Taiwan; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' eighth-largest trading partner, and the
12 United States is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, with an estimated \$128 billion
13 worth of trade, and Taiwan is Kentucky's 14th largest import and 20th largest export
14 market in 2023; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States' and Taiwan's first agreement entry into force under
16 the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade includes commitments on anti-
17 corruption, good regulatory practices, customs administration, trade facilitation, and
18 small and medium-sized enterprises; and

19 WHEREAS, Kentucky signed a collaboration agreement with Taiwan in 2023,
20 agreeing to collaborate in good faith to facilitate two-way trade and investment expansion
21 and industrial cooperation, another milestone following a bilateral education cooperation
22 memorandum of understanding signed in 2021;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
25 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives supports constant talks as Taiwanese
27 companies are looking for a diverse and free market investment in the United States,

1 encourages the state government to establish a trade office in Taiwan as 23 states and
2 Guam have done, supports the organization of a trade delegation to Taiwan to attract
3 more investments, and encourages city governments to participate in the annual "Smart
4 City" forum in Taiwan.

5 ➔Section 2. With the celebration of Taiwan's democracy to reaffirm the United
6 States' commitment to Taiwan, the House of Representatives encourages the members of
7 this body to join the Taiwan Caucus to explore more collaborative opportunities with
8 Taiwan.

9 ➔Section 3. The House of Representatives encourages conducting more
10 exchanges with Taiwan of scholars, teachers, and students; increasing the number of
11 Kentuckians who take part in Taiwanese American Heritage Week in May and other
12 activities; and experiencing and promoting Taiwan's culture, tourism, and delicacies such
13 as boba tea.

14 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
15 copy of this Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear, Secretary of State Michael G.
16 Adams, Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Rand Paul, Representative Andy Barr,
17 Representative James Comer, Representative Brett Guthrie, Representative Thomas
18 Massie, Representative Morgan McGarvey, Representative Hal Rogers, and Mr. Elliot
19 Wang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.