

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 Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
25 ***Kentucky:***

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

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

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

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

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