

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

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America are long-standing allies that
4 deeply cherish the shared values of democracy, peace, and prosperity. Taiwan continues
5 to pursue integrated diplomacy and the "Three Chains" Strategy, which includes the
6 strategic framework of the "Global Democratic Value Chain", the "First Island Chain in
7 the Indo-Pacific," and the "Non-Red Supply Chain," and serves to highlight that common
8 values, a firm alliance, and a flourishing economy serves the best interests of the Indo-
9 Pacific region by strengthening ties with like-minded nations, safeguarding regional
10 security, and leveraging its technological and economic achievements to promote
11 mutually beneficial partnerships; and

12 WHEREAS, 2026 marks both the 250th Anniversary of United States
13 Independence and the 30th Anniversary of Taiwan's first direct presidential election--
14 milestones that honor liberty and the principle that sovereignty resides in the people. This
15 shared celebration reaffirms Taiwan-U.S. commitment to the rule of law, human rights,
16 and a rules-based international order. Through close cooperation, Taiwan and the United
17 States strengthen democratic values and contribute to Indo-Pacific security, economic
18 resilience, and global peace and stability for future generations; and

19 WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China has repeatedly engaged in economic
20 coercion, conducted military exercises directed toward Taiwan, and misinterpreted
21 United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI) to obstruct Taiwan's
22 contributions to the international community, thereby contributing to global challenges to
23 the rules-based international order and enabling aggressive authoritarian expansionism;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh-largest trading partner, while the
26 United States is Taiwan's second-largest, with bilateral trade-in-goods value estimated at
27 \$158.8 billion in 2024; and Taiwan ranks as Kentucky's twentieth-largest export market,

1 with Kentucky exporting \$328 million trade in goods to Taiwan, while Taiwan ranks as
2 Kentucky's third-largest import source, with Kentucky importing \$7.9 billion trade in
3 goods from Taiwan that year. The first agreement implemented under the U.S.–Taiwan
4 Initiative on 21st-Century Trade establishes commitments on anti-corruption measures,
5 sound regulatory practices, customs administration and trade facilitation, and the
6 promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises; and

7 WHEREAS, Foxconn Technology USA Corp., the American subsidiary of Taiwan-
8 listed Foxconn Technology Co. Ltd., will locate its first United States manufacturing
9 operation in Louisville, with a \$173 million investment that will create 180 new jobs and
10 upgrade mutual economic and technological relations between the Commonwealth and
11 Taiwan;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
14 *Kentucky:*

15 ➔Section 1. The Senate expresses its support for continued negotiations under the
16 U.S.–Taiwan initiative on 21st-Century Trade and for the establishment of a U.S.–
17 Taiwan double taxation avoidance mechanism, in recognition of Taiwanese companies'
18 interest in pursuing diversified and open investment opportunities in the United States.
19 The Senate further encourages the executives and officials of the Commonwealth to
20 further engage with their counterparts in Taiwan, to explore, enhance, and deepen
21 substantive relationships in issues that concern the Commonwealth.

22 ➔Section 2. In celebration of Taiwan's democratic achievements and in
23 reaffirmation of the United States' commitment to Taiwan, the Senate encourages
24 members of this body to join the Taiwan Caucus to explore expanded avenues of
25 cooperation. In recognition of Taiwan's professionalism and global contribution in areas
26 such as healthcare, civil aviation security, transnational criminal crackdown, and trade
27 and investment, the Senate further supports Taiwan's contribution in related multilateral

1 platforms.

2 ➡Section 3. To further deepen the high-technology collaboration between
3 Kentucky and Taiwan through educational cooperation, the Senate encourages the
4 Chinese learners in the Commonwealth to use Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language
5 (TOCFL), which was approved by Kentucky Department of Education as a Chinese-
6 proficiency assessment tool for the Seal of Biliteracy.

7 ➡Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
8 Governor Andy Beshear, Secretary of State Michael G. Adams, the Kentucky
9 congressional delegation, and Mr. Jared Lin, Director General of the Taipei Economic
10 and Cultural Office in Atlanta.