



1 an environment conducive to financial sector development and foreign direct investment,  
2 and underscoring the impact of Taiwan's 5+2 industrial innovation initiative targeting the  
3 high-growth sectors of biotech and pharmaceuticals, green energy, national defense, smart  
4 machinery, and Internet of Things as well as the circular economy and new agriculture; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen has paid two visits to underscore the  
6 close ties between our two countries; and

7 WHEREAS, President Tsai Ing-wen has met with Governor John Bel Edwards to  
8 highlight the agreement between Taiwan's CPC Corporation and Cheniere Energy for a \$25  
9 billion, twenty-five year purchase of Louisiana liquified natural gas, and the economic  
10 benefit of Formosa Petrochemical's multibillion dollar investment in St. James Parish, as  
11 well as the remarkable accomplishment of signing a driver's license reciprocity agreement  
12 between Louisiana and Taiwan; and

13 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 has continued to provide a sturdy  
14 foundation for robust U.S.-Taiwan relations to flourish for forty years, contributing to peace  
15 and stability in the Asia-Pacific region; and

16 WHEREAS, this year the Taiwan Travel Act was passed by both chambers of the  
17 U.S. Congress and signed by President Trump to encourage high-level officials' visits  
18 between our two countries; both countries have further affirmed the partnership in such areas  
19 as international humanitarian assistance, public health, and technology under the Global  
20 Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) established in June 2015; and

21 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the thirty-fourth anniversary of the Louisiana-Taiwan  
22 sister-state relations, which have nurtured and maintained a friendship built upon  
23 unwavering bonds beneficial and rewarding for both governments and their citizens now and  
24 in the future; and

25 WHEREAS, travel from Taiwan to the United States increased by more than fifty  
26 percent since Taiwan's participation in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program in 2012, EVA Air  
27 launched their direct Taipei-Houston route in 2015, and Taiwan joined the U.S. Global Entry  
28 program in November 2017, all of these are significant efforts that will continue to promote  
29 tourism and encourage exchanges between the two countries; and

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