

2023 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Commends and expresses support for economic trade and friendship between the state of Louisiana and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and express support for the strengthening of the state's partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage.

WHEREAS, the longstanding bonds of friendship between the United States and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important economic, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as our nation's eleventh largest trading partner, and in 2022, bilateral trade in goods and services reached \$159 billion; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the seventh largest export market for United States agricultural products and is a particularly important market for Louisiana farmers; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's biennial agricultural trade goodwill missions result in multibillion-dollar supply deals and Taiwan annually dispatches delegations to the SelectUSA Investment Summit to boost investments; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's recent action to lift restrictions on United States beef and pork beginning January 2021 will serve to enhance bilateral trade; and

WHEREAS, the robust trade and investment partnership between the United States and Taiwan provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation, further expand the global market, and secure international supply

1 chains; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan is well positioned to play an important role augmenting the
3 revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the post-pandemic economic recovery;
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5 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global challenges, from
6 humanitarian crises to nontraditional security threats; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the United
8 States on a range of issues to promote our common values of freedom, democracy, and
9 human rights and Taiwan joined with the United States to establish the partnership against
10 COVID-19, building on the cooperative tradition of prior joint partnerships such as the
11 Global Cooperation and Training Framework, which advances Taiwanese leadership in such
12 arenas as democratization, human rights, women's empowerment, and public health; and

13 WHEREAS, this year marks the thirty-eighth anniversary of the sister state
14 relationship between Louisiana and Taiwan and is a bond nurtured through mutually
15 beneficial exchanges; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan is Louisiana's seventh largest trading partner in Asia and, in
17 2022, Taiwan imported nearly \$294 million in commodities from Louisiana and in turn,
18 Louisiana imported \$1.3 billion in Taiwanese goods; and

19 WHEREAS, Louisiana and the United States have benefitted immeasurably through
20 decades of an unwavering friendship with Taiwan and the wider world is sure to reap
21 tremendous rewards as Taiwan works to enhance its presence in the international
22 community.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 express its support for the strengthening of the partnership with Taiwan and for the
25 expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby do all
27 of the following:

28 (1) Express support for a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and
29 Taiwan.

30 (2) Express support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international

1 organizations with the United States.

2 (3) Express support for Louisiana to establish a partnership with Taiwan through the
3 National Guard State Partnership program to build on our decades of mutually beneficial
4 relations.

5 (4) Celebrate the forty-fourth anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations
6 Act and the thirty-eighth anniversary of the sister state relationship between the state of
7 Louisiana and Taiwan.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
9 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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DIGEST
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Commends and expresses support for trade agreements between the United States and Taiwan, Taiwan's participation in certain international organizations, celebrates the anniversary of the federal Taiwan Relations Act, and the sister state relationship between Taiwan and Louisiana.