

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR RISER

SENATE. Commends the Republic of China, known as Taiwan, for positive economic relations with Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Republic of China, known as Taiwan, for positive economic relations with
3 Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, according to 2014 figures, Taiwan is the fifth largest export market in
5 Asia for Louisiana and the tenth largest trading partner with the United States as a whole;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in 2014, Louisiana exported to Taiwan nearly five hundred thousand
8 dollars worth of raw materials, primarily petroleum and coal products and agricultural
9 products; and

10 WHEREAS, with Taiwan as the leading importer of United States agricultural
11 products and agribusiness continuing to be one of the leading industries in Louisiana, a
12 natural mutuality has developed which strengthens the economies in both Louisiana and
13 Taiwan; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana's exports to Taiwan from 2013 to 2014 grew by nearly
15 twenty-three percent above previous totals; and

16 WHEREAS, as evidence of the close economic ties between Louisiana and Taiwan,
17 Louisiana maintains a trade office in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan; and

18 WHEREAS, nearly half of the exports from Louisiana to Taiwan are agricultural

1 products and Taiwanese entrepreneurs have made considerable investment in Louisiana; and

2 WHEREAS, among Taiwanese entrepreneurs that have made considerable
3 investment in Louisiana are the West Lake Group, Formosa Plastics, and Nanya Products
4 whose initial efforts in Louisiana petrochemical and plastics industries in Louisiana began
5 in the 1980's; and

6 WHEREAS, these and other Taiwanese enterprises have shown considerable
7 potential and continue to boost investment and create jobs in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan affords entrepreneurs who choose to invest in their economy
9 complete industrial supply chains, a high concentration of industrial clusters and a
10 consolidated manufacturer base; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan, China, Vietnam, The Phillippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia
12 surround the South China Sea in the Western Pacific; and

13 WHEREAS, while countries have clashed over the trade routes through the South
14 China Sea for decades, Taiwan has proven a strategic ally in the crucial area of these sea
15 lanes that are essential to Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, 2016 marks the thirty-first anniversary of the sister-state relationship
17 between Taiwan and Louisiana, as well as the thirty-sixth anniversary of the sister-city
18 relationship between the Taiwanese city of Taichung and the city of Baton Rouge; and

19 WHEREAS, vibrant relations between Louisiana and Taiwan hold great promise for
20 both Louisiana companies and workers to continue to strengthen this partnership in
21 prosperity.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend the Republic of China, known as Taiwan, for positive economic
24 relations with Louisiana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr.
26 Louis M. Huang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston,
27 Texas.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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