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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and the Republic of China  
2 (Taiwan) have enjoyed a long history of friendship and have  
3 maintained a fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural,  
4 educational and economic exchanges for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 116.5 million dollars'  
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2015, making Taiwan one of the major  
7 foreign markets for Connecticut, and establishing a robust bilateral  
8 trade relationship; and

9 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free market  
10 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and  
11 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial  
12 relations; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver

14 Program on November 1, 2012, allows Taiwan and the United States,  
15 including the sister-state of Connecticut, to develop closer relations  
16 and to witness rapid growth in all areas of bilateral development; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating  
18 in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer in 2009, and will  
19 continue supporting Taiwan's participation in other United Nations-  
20 affiliated organizations such as the International Civil Aviation  
21 Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention  
22 on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Criminal Police  
23 Organization (INTERPOL); and

24 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share a long-term and  
25 close economic relationship, including 66.6 billion dollars in bilateral  
26 trade in 2015, making Taiwan the ninth largest trading partner of the  
27 United States; and

28 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the bilateral trade relations with  
29 the United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)  
30 has expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA)  
31 and a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States in the near  
32 future.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
34 General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the  
35 eighteenth anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State  
36 Relationship, and reiterate its support of a closer economic and trade  
37 partnership between the United States and the Republic of China  
38 (Taiwan); and

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and  
40 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to  
41 President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the  
42 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.