

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HJ-13

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF

Title: THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP.

Vote Date: 3/9/2018

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/5/2018

File No.: 19

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requests the Connecticut General Assembly to recognize the nineteenth anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship and reiterate its support for a closer economic and trade partnership between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Representative Bruce Morris: Rep Morris referenced the long term and close economic relationship between the United States and Taiwan. He stated that in 2013 Connecticut exported \$128.6 million worth of products to Taiwan, a 20.38 percent growth over the prior year. Taiwan was included in the United States Visa Waiver Program in 2012 providing Connecticut and Taiwan the opportunity to develop stronger economic and cultural relations. In 2015 \$66.6 billion dollars was generated thus making Taiwan the ninth largest trading partner of the United States.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

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