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Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-FOURTH
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 maintained
3 a fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural, educational
4 and economic exchanges since 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 235 million dollars'
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2021, making Taiwan one of the most
7 important foreign markets for Connecticut, and strengthening a robust
8 bilateral trade relationship as well as fostering a continued collaboration
9 between their respective industries; and

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

13 relations; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan
15 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral relationship as
16 well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between
17 the United States and Taiwan, and the TRA, together with the Six
18 Assurances of President Ronald Reagan in 1982, have served as the
19 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations and have helped to
20 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

21 WHEREAS, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial to the
22 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific, and Taiwan is an
23 indispensable partner in safeguarding peace and stability in the region;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
26 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education
27 and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide instruction in Mandarin, and
28 given Mandarin's designation as a critical language for maintaining
29 national security by the United States, the state of Connecticut welcomes
30 opportunities to advance educational exchanges with Taiwan; and

31 WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed mutual driver's license recognition
32 pacts with 36 states of the United States since 2013, and more than 16,000
33 Taiwanese and American citizens have taken advantage of such pacts,
34 and were Taiwan and the state of Connecticut to enter into a driver's
35 license reciprocity agreement with each other, such an agreement would
36 help increase the mobility of international students, businessmen, and
37 academics from both sides; and

38 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver
39 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation enjoyed
40 by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allows Taiwan and the
41 United States to develop closer relations and witness rapid growth in all
42 areas of bilateral development; and

43 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in
44 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation
45 Organization (ICAO) and the International Criminal Police
46 Organization (INTERPOL) and it will continue to support Taiwan's
47 participation in the United Nations and other international
48 organizations; and

49 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan enjoy longstanding and
50 extensive economic ties, including 111.4 billion dollars in bilateral trade
51 in 2021, making Taiwan the eighth largest trading partner of the United
52 States; and

53 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the bilateral trade relations with
54 the United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has
55 expressed its desire to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and an
56 Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA) with the United
57 States.

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General
59 Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the twenty-fourth
60 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and
61 reiterate its support for a closer economic and trade partnership
62 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

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

GAE *Joint Favorable*