



Resolution Commending Taiwan's Progress in the Growth of its Democracy and Relations with the United States

WHEREAS, Taiwan witnessed its second peaceful transition of presidential administrations in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the year 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the "Taiwan Relations Act," which provided the basic structure and legal foundation for the United States to develop its numerous mutual relations with Taiwan, including a focus on trade and the shared values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is among the United States' top ten trading partners, and the United States is among Taiwan's three-largest trading partners; and

WHEREAS, the government of Taiwan has resumed bilateral talks with the People's Republic of China and opened direct flight and shipping links across the Taiwan Straits; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member of the world community with a long-standing commitment to international health; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan participates in the activities of the World Health Organization in support of global health;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) commend and support the democratization efforts of Taiwan, as well as its participation in the World Health Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby welcomes all opportunities to develop the special bond of friendship between the United States and Taiwan and encourages further cultural, educational and business exchanges between the citizens of the United States and Taiwan.

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