

NASS Resolution Supporting U.S.-Taiwan Bilateral Trade and Investment

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WHEREAS, U.S. states and Taiwan enjoy an enduring partnership and share the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marked the 45th anniversary of the milestone Taiwan Relations Act (TRA); based on the TRA, U.S. states and Taiwan have forged ever stronger relations over the decades; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the United States' key trading partners, with two-way trade volume between the United States and Taiwan reaching \$158.6 billion in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan holds a key position in the global economy and plays a vital role in the world's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) industry as well as high-tech global supply chains; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative, signed in December 2020, has led to over 20 educational memoranda of understanding, providing valuable opportunities for U.S. students to study in Taiwan and Taiwanese teachers and students to come to the United States; and

WHEREAS, various U.S. state governments have established trade offices in Taiwan to promote business, investment, educational, and tourism ties between each state and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the TAIPEI Act of 2019 expresses the sense of Congress that the U.S. Trade Representative should consult with Congress on opportunities for further strengthening bilateral trade and economic relations between the U.S. and Taiwan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) supports continued efforts between the U.S. states and Taiwan to strengthen economic relations and expand opportunities for bilateral trade and investment.

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