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### **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND A CLOSER PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN IN TRADE AND EXCHANGES OF OFFICIALS.**

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1           Whereas, the trade in goods between the United States and the  
2 Republic of China (Taiwan) totaled an estimated \$114 billion in 2021, with  
3 \$36.9 billion in exports and \$77.1 billion in imports, ranking Taiwan as  
4 the eighth largest trading partner of the United States. Overall, Taiwan  
5 supports an estimate of more than 375,288 jobs in the United States; and

6           Whereas, on December 19, 2019, 161 Members of Congress signed a  
7 letter to the then United States Trade Representative, while 50 United  
8 States Senators signed a separate letter to him on October 1, 2020, both  
9 encouraging the United States government to work toward initiating  
10 negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and

11           Whereas, on June 1, 2022, the Minister without Portfolio of the  
12 Republic of China and United States Deputy Trade Representative announced  
13 the launch of the U.S.–Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade, which will  
14 facilitate the development of a roadmap for negotiations on economic and  
15 trade agreements with high-standard commitments; and

16           Whereas, Taiwan was Arizona's eighth largest export market in 2021,  
17 reaching \$621 million in total United States exports to Taiwan originating  
18 from Arizona. In total, more than 7,895 jobs in Arizona are supported by  
19 Taiwanese-affiliated companies and the exports of goods and services to  
20 Taiwan; and

21           Whereas, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company has begun  
22 construction of its \$12 billion 5-nanometer fab in Phoenix, with chip  
23 production slated to start by 2024. This new factory will create 1,900  
24 full-time jobs in Arizona over a five-year period; and

25           Whereas, Taiwan's Bureau of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Economic  
26 Affairs and the Arizona Commerce Authority signed the Memorandum of  
27 Understanding on Trade and Economic Cooperation on October 5, 2021, aiming  
28 to foster further economic engagement and to establish or expand  
29 operations and supply chains cooperation between Taiwan and Arizona; and

30           Whereas, on July 12, 2013, the President of the United States signed  
31 into law H.R. 1151, an act supporting Taiwan's participation as an  
32 observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

33           Whereas, on March 18, 2016, the President of the United States  
34 signed into law S. 2426, an act directing the Secretary of State to  
35 develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the  
36 International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); and

37           Whereas, on March 26, 2020, the President of the United States  
38 signed into law S. 1678, an act stating that it should be the policy of  
39 the United States to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan's membership in  
40 all international organizations in which statehood is not a requirement  
41 and in which the United States is also a participant, and for Taiwan to be  
42 granted observer status in other appropriate international organizations;  
43 and

1           Whereas, the United States Secretary of State issued a statement on  
2 October 26, 2021, encouraging all United Nations (UN) Member States to  
3 join us in supporting Taiwan's robust, meaningful participation throughout  
4 the UN system and in the international community; and

5           Whereas, the Arizona Legislature passed resolutions in support of  
6 Taiwan's participation in international organizations, including INTERPOL  
7 and UN specialized agencies such as the World Health Organization (WHO),  
8 the ICAO and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change  
9 (UNFCCC) in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and

10           Whereas, the Taiwan Travel Act, signed into law by the President of  
11 the United States on March 16, 2018, allows officials at all levels of the  
12 federal government to travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese  
13 counterparts and allows high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the United  
14 States under conditions that demonstrate appropriate respect to such  
15 officials.

16 Therefore

17 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
18 Representatives concurring:

19           1. That the Members of the Legislature support the negotiation of a  
20 United States–Taiwan bilateral trade agreement and Taiwan's meaningful  
21 participation in international organizations, including ICAO, INTERPOL,  
22 WHO and UNFCCC.

23           2. That the Members of the Legislature acknowledge the achievements  
24 made by Arizona and Taiwan in the fields of economy, trade, technology,  
25 education and culture since establishing their sister-state relations on  
26 July 28, 1980, and encourage the continued bilateral cooperation and  
27 exchanges between the two sides in the future.

28           3. That the Members of the Legislature support a future official  
29 visit to Taiwan by the Governor of Arizona at her discretion.