Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

Strom, Pae, Fugate, Munson,
and McBride of the House

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging further partnership between Oklahoma and Taiwan; supporting Taiwan's participation in international organizations; celebrating Taiwan Relations Act anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the longstanding sister-state relationship, close economic ties, and bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important economic, social, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, with bilateral trade reaching $114 billion, and the sixth-largest export market for U.S. agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation, expand the global market, and secure international supply chains; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global challenges, from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security threats and pandemic prevention; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the U.S. on a range of issues to promote our common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is Oklahoma's seventh-largest export partner in Asia, with over $32 million in goods and services exported to Taiwan in 2022, and the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and medium-sized enterprises in trade and investment; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma and the U.S. have benefited immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan, and the wider world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan works to enhance its presence in the international community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses Oklahoma's support for strengthening our partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports a bilateral trade agreement between the U.S. and Taiwan, and supports their meaningful participation in international organizations like the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, World Health Assembly, International Civil Aviation Organization, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the 44th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 43rd anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan.

THAT a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas.

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 13th day of April, 20 23, at 10:34 o'clock A M.

By: _____