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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 546

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING FURTHER ECONOMIC TIES AND
2 FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE REPUBLIC OF
3 CHINA (TAIWAN).

4 WHEREAS, the longstanding bonds of friendship between the
5 United States and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of
6 1979, continue to yield important economic, strategic and cultural
7 benefits; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as our nation's 8th largest trading
9 partner. In 2020, bilateral trade in goods and services reached
10 \$106 Billion. The 7th largest export market for U.S. agricultural
11 products, a particularly important market for farmers, Taiwan's
12 biennial agricultural trade goodwill missions result in
13 multibillion-dollar supply deals, and its annually dispatched
14 delegations to the SelectUSA Investment Summit boost investment.
15 Taiwan's recent action to lift restrictions on U.S. beef and pork
16 beginning January 2021 will help enhance bilateral trade; and

17 WHEREAS, the robust US-Taiwan trade and investment
18 partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial



19 Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further
20 expand the global market, and secure international supply chains.
21 Taiwan is well positioned to play an important role augmenting the
22 revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the
23 post-pandemic economic recovery; and

24 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global
25 challenges, from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security
26 threats. This year Taiwan has emerged as an important partner in
27 pandemic prevention, providing more than 55 million surgical masks
28 and other PPE to more than 80 countries around the world. The
29 Taiwan Model has achieved world renowned for its effective
30 pandemic prevention and containment, bolstering unprecedented
31 international support for Taiwan's bid to participate in the World
32 Health Assembly (WHA); and

33 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner
34 with the United States on a range of issues to promote our common
35 values of freedom, democracy and human rights. Taiwan joined with
36 the United States to establish the Partnership against
37 Coronavirus, building on the cooperative tradition of prior joint
38 partnerships such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework
39 (GCTF), which advances Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as
40 democratization, human rights, women's empowerment and public
41 health; and

42 WHEREAS, this year marks the 39th Anniversary of the
43 sister-state relationship between Mississippi and Taiwan, a bond



44 nurtured through mutually beneficial exchanges. In 2020, Taiwan
45 imported \$43 Million in commodities from Mississippi; and,

46 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Mississippi Trade and
47 Investment Office in Taiwan could enhance the participation of
48 small- and medium-sized enterprises in trade and investment, and
49 advance sister-state ties between Mississippi and Taiwan; and

50 WHEREAS, Mississippi and the United States have benefited
51 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan,
52 and the wider world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan
53 works to enhance its presence in the international community:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby:

57 (a) Express support for a bilateral trade agreement
58 between the United States and Taiwan and for Taiwan's
59 participation in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for
60 Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP);

61 (b) Express support for Taiwan's meaningful
62 participation in the International Criminal Police Organization,
63 the International Civil Aviation Organization, the United Nations
64 Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the World Health
65 Assembly;

66 (c) Express support for Mississippi to establish a
67 partnership with Taiwan through the National Guard State



68 Partnership Program (SPP) to build on our decades of mutually
69 beneficial relations;

70 (d) Express support for a Mississippi Trade and
71 Investment Office in Taiwan; and

72 (e) Celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of the enactment of
73 the Taiwan Relations Act and the 39th Anniversary of the
74 sister-state relationship between the State of Mississippi and
75 Taiwan.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of this
77 resolution be transmitted to the Taipei Economic and Cultural
78 Office in Houston, Texas, as an expression of the sentiment of the
79 Mississippi Legislature.

