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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

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

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

8 WHEREAS, the Republic Of China (Taiwan) ranks as the United
9 States' 9th largest trading partner with bilateral trade reaching
10 \$114 billion and the 6th largest export market for United States
11 agricultural products in 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, the robust trade and investment partnership between
13 the United States and the Republic Of China (Taiwan) provides a
14 solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade
15 agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further expand the global
16 market, and secure international supply chains; and

17 WHEREAS, the Republic Of China (Taiwan) is committed to
18 helping address global challenges, from humanitarian crises to



19 nontraditional security threats, and it has emerged as an
20 important partner in pandemic prevention, bolstering unprecedented
21 international support for its bid to participate in the World
22 Health Assembly (WHA); and

23 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner
24 with the United States on a range of issues to promote our common
25 values of freedom, democracy and human rights, building on the
26 cooperative tradition of prior joint partnerships such as the
27 Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), which advances
28 Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as democratization, human
29 rights, women's empowerment, and public health; and

30 WHEREAS, the promotion of freedom and democracy is the strong
31 glue that provides the unshakable bond between the Republic Of
32 China (Taiwan) and the United States of America; and

33 WHEREAS, since 1983, Mississippi and the Republic Of China
34 (Taiwan) have maintained a sister-state relationship and enjoy
35 particularly close economic ties, as it is the Magnolia State's
36 5th largest export partner in Asia, with over \$32 million in goods
37 and services to the Republic Of China (Taiwan) in 2021; and

38 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Mississippi Trade and
39 Investment Office in the Republic Of China (Taiwan) could enhance
40 the participation of small and medium-sized enterprises in trade
41 and investment, and advance sister-state ties between Mississippi
42 and the Republic Of China (Taiwan); and



43 WHEREAS, Mississippi and the United States have benefited
44 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with the
45 Republic Of China (Taiwan), and the wider world is sure to reap
46 tremendous rewards as the Republic Of China (Taiwan) works to
47 enhance its presence in the international community:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
50 express our support for the strengthening of our partnership with
51 the Republic Of China (Taiwan) and for the expansion of its role
52 on the global stage; support a bilateral trade agreement between
53 the United States and the Republic Of China (Taiwan); support the
54 Republic Of China's (Taiwan) participation in the Indo-Pacific
55 Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEFP); support the Republic Of
56 China's (Taiwan) meaningful participation in the World Health
57 Assembly and other international organizations such as ICAO and
58 the UNFCCC; support a Mississippi Trade and Investment Office in
59 the Republic Of China (Taiwan); celebrate the 44th anniversary of
60 the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, and the 40th
61 anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of
62 Mississippi and the Republic Of China (Taiwan).

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston,
65 Texas, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

