

By: Representatives Byrd, Anthony, Carpenter To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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 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' eighth-largest trading partner with bilateral trade  
10 reaching \$166 billion, the 13th-largest goods export market of the  
11 United States, and the sixth largest export market for United  
12 States agricultural products; and

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



18           WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) is committed to  
19 helping address global challenges, from humanitarian crises to  
20 nontraditional security threats, and it has emerged as an  
21 important partner in pandemic prevention, bolstering unprecedented  
22 international support for Taiwan's bid to participate in the World  
23 Health Assembly (WHA); and

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

31           WHEREAS, given the important role Taiwan plays in global  
32 aviation security, Taiwan's participation in the International  
33 Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) would help develop a global  
34 aviation safety network and address vital issues such as the  
35 unilateral adjustment of flight routes in the Taiwan Strait like  
36 the M503; and

37           WHEREAS, since 1983, Mississippi and the Republic of China  
38 (Taiwan) have maintained a sister-state relationship and enjoy  
39 particularly close economic ties, as it is the Magnolia State's  
40 ninth largest export partner in Asia with over \$89 million in  
41 goods and services to Taiwan in 2023; and



42 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Mississippi Trade and  
43 Investment Office in the Republic of China (Taiwan) could enhance  
44 the participation of small- and medium-sized enterprises in trade  
45 and investment, and advance sister-state ties between Mississippi  
46 and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

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

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
53 THEREIN, That we do hereby express our support for the  
54 strengthening of our partnership with Taiwan, the expansion of  
55 Taiwan's role on the global stage, and for its efforts to preserve  
56 peace, stability and the status quo in the Taiwan Strait through  
57 meaningful dialogue; support a tax agreement between the United  
58 States and Taiwan; support Taiwan's participation in the  
59 Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF); support  
60 Taiwan's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization  
61 and other international organizations such as the United Nations,  
62 International Civil Aviation Organization, International Criminal  
63 Police Organization, and the United Nations Framework Convention  
64 on Climate Change; support a Mississippi Trade and Investment  
65 Office in Taiwan; celebrate the 45th anniversary of the enactment  
66 of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 41st anniversary of the



67 sister-state relationship between the State of Mississippi and  
68 Taiwan.

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

