

By: Representatives Byrd, Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

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



66 Relations Act and the 41st anniversary of the sister-state
67 relationship between the State of Mississippi and Taiwan.

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

