

By: Senator(s) Chassaniol, McMahan, Frazier, Blackwell, Younger, Fillingane, Horhn, Suber, Butler, Parker To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 541

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; building on the
27 cooperative tradition of prior joint partnerships such as the
28 Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), which advances
29 Taiwanese leadership in such areas as democratization, human
30 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 flight path; 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 SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
53 we do hereby express our support for:

54 • The strengthening of our partnership with Taiwan, the
55 expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage, and for its
56 efforts to reserve peace, stability, and the status quo in the
57 Taiwan Strait through meaningful dialogue;

58 • A tax agreement between the United States and Taiwan;

59 • Taiwan's participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic
60 Framework for Prosperity (IPEF);

61 • Taiwan's meaningful participation in the World Health
62 Organization and other international organizations such as the
63 United Nations, International Civil Aviation Organization,
64 International Criminal Police Organization, and the United Nations
65 Framework Convention on Climate Change;

66 • A Mississippi Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan; and



67 • A celebration for the 45th Anniversary of the enactment of
68 the Taiwan Relations Act and the 41st Anniversary of the
69 sister-state relationship between the State of Mississippi and
70 Taiwan.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
72 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Texas, and to
73 the Mississippi Congressional delegation, and made available to
74 the Capitol Press Corps.

