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House Resolution 1026

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Kelley of the 16th, Frye of the 122nd, and Beverly of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and the State of Georgia; and
- 2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Taiwan is commended for completing another successful presidential and
- 4 legislative election on January 13, 2024, and for its continuous contributions to international
- 5 society as a responsible stakeholder despite being under constant threat from China through
- 6 its encroachments on Taiwan's security and its use of non-peaceful means to undermine
- 7 Taiwan; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this year marks the landmark 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan
- 9 Relations Act (TRA), which has facilitated an even closer partnership in security, business,
- 10 educational, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges between the United States and Taiwan.
- 11 Consequently, in 2023, Taiwan welcomed the largest number of United States official
- delegations ever; and
- 13 WHEREAS, China repeatedly excludes Taiwan from the United Nations system by
- 14 constantly distorting United Nations Resolution 2758 (XXVI), as the resolution did not
- 15 address the issue of the representation of Taiwan and its people in the United Nations or any

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16 related organizations nor did it take a position on the relations between China and Taiwan;

- 17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the United States
- 19 is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner with an estimated \$160 billion trade amount in
- 20 2022. In June 2023, the United States and Taiwan signed the first agreement under the
- 21 "US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade," covering customs and border procedures,
- 22 regulatory practices, and small business; and
- 23 WHEREAS, Taiwan's National Day was joyously celebrated at the Georgia Aquarium last
- October with more than 250 distinguished guests, an event that emphasized the cherished
- 25 whale sharks from Taiwan, symbols of the strong connection between Taiwan and Georgia,
- 26 and included government officials, entrepreneurs, and leaders from the Taiwanese
- 27 community.
- 28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 29 with the celebration of the Taiwan Relations Act's 45th anniversary, the members of this
- 30 body encourage Georgians to take part in activities and experiences that demonstrate and
- 31 promote Taiwan's cultures, cuisine, and tourism; support the Taiwan Caucus as a means to
- 32 explore more collaboration opportunities with Taiwan; and commend Taiwan for its
- 33 longstanding, mutually beneficial relationship with the State of Georgia as well as its positive
- 34 relations with the United States.
- 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
- 37 Governor Brian Kemp, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia Congressional

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38 Delegation, and Mr. Elliot Wang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural

39 Office in Atlanta.