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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Expresses recognition and encouragement of the economic ties and friendship between the state of Louisiana and the Republic of China (Taiwan)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express recognition and encouragement of the economic ties and friendship between the
3 state of Louisiana and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

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

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' ninth largest trading partner with
8 bilateral trade reaching \$114 billion, and it was the sixth largest export market for U.S.
9 agricultural products in 2021; and

10 WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership provides a
11 solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement to spur job creation,
12 further expand the global market, and secure international supply chains; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global challenges from
14 humanitarian crises to nontraditional security threats; moreover, it has emerged as an
15 important partner in pandemic prevention, bolstering unprecedented international support
16 for Taiwan's bid to participate in the World Health Assembly; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the U.S. on
18 a range of issues to promote common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights,
19 building on the cooperative tradition of joint partnerships such as the Global Cooperation

1 and Training Framework, which advances Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as
2 democratization, human rights, women's empowerment, and public health; and

3 WHEREAS, since 1985, Louisiana and Taiwan have maintained a sister-state
4 relationship and continue to enjoy particularly close economic ties; Taiwan is Louisiana's
5 seventh largest export partner in Asia, and the state exported more than \$77.3 million in
6 goods and services to Taiwan in 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, sister-city connections have been established between cities in
8 Louisiana and Taiwan to encourage cross-cultural connections and exchanges; Baton Rouge
9 and Taichung became sister cities in 1980, and New Orleans and Tainan signed a sister-city
10 agreement in 2022; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana and the United States have benefitted immeasurably through
12 decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan, and the wider world is sure to reap
13 tremendous rewards as Taiwan works to enhance its presence in the international
14 community.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 express recognition and encouragement of the economic ties and friendship between the state
17 of Louisiana and the Republic of China (Taiwan); does hereby express support for the
18 strengthening of the state's partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role
19 on the global stage; does hereby support a bilateral trade agreement between the United
20 States and Taiwan; does hereby support Taiwan's participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic
21 Framework for Prosperity; does hereby support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the
22 World Health Assembly and other international organizations such as the International Civil
23 Aviation Organization and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
24 and does hereby celebrate the forty-fourth anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan
25 Relations Act, the thirty-eighth anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the state
26 of Louisiana and Taiwan, and the ongoing sister-city partnerships between the cities of
27 Baton Rouge and Taichung and the cities of New Orleans and Tainan.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

DIGEST

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