

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1005

By: McCall of the House

and

Treat, Allen, Bergstrom, Boren,
Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman,
Dahm, Daniels, David, Dossett
(J.J.), Dossett (J.A.), Dugger,
Floyd, Garvin, Hall, Hamilton,
Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett,
Kidd, Kirt, Leewright, Matthews,
McCortney, Merrick, Montgomery,
Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton,
Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn,
Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Simpson,
Standridge, Stanley, Stephens,
Taylor, Thompson, Weaver and
Young of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the economic contributions and value of Taiwan; findings; distribution.

WHEREAS, the long-standing bonds of friendship between the United States and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, continue to yield important economic, strategic, and cultural benefits; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' 9th largest trading partner, and in 2020, bilateral trade in goods reached \$90.9 billion; the 7th largest export market for U.S. agricultural products in 2019, Taiwan's biennial agricultural trade goodwill missions result in multibillion-dollar supply deals, and its annually dispatched delegations to the SelectUSA Investment Summit boost investment; Taiwan's recent action to lift restrictions on

U.S. beef and pork beginning January 2021 will help enhance bilateral trade; and

WHEREAS, the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further expand the global market, and secure international supply chains; Taiwan is well positioned to play an important role augmenting the revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the post-pandemic economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global challenges, from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security threats; moreover, it has emerged as an important partner in pandemic prevention, providing 54 million surgical masks and other PPE to more than 80 countries around the world, including 100,000 surgical masks to the State of Oklahoma; the Taiwan Model has achieved world renown for its effective pandemic prevention and containment, bolstering unprecedented international support for Taiwan's bid to participate in the World Health Assembly (WHA); and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the United States on a range of issues to promote our common values of freedom, democracy and human rights; in March, Taiwan joined with the United States to establish the Partnership against Coronavirus, building on the cooperative tradition of prior joint partnerships such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), which advances Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as democratization, human rights, women's empowerment and public health; and

WHEREAS, since 1980, Oklahoma and Taiwan have maintained a sister-state relationship and enjoy particularly close economic ties; Taiwan is Oklahoma's 5th largest export partner in Asia, as the state exported over \$32 million in goods and services to Taiwan in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and medium-sized enterprises in trade and investment and advance sister-state ties between Oklahoma and Taiwan; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate hereby express support for the strengthening of our partnership with Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage; support a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan; support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the World Health Assembly; support an Oklahoma Trade and Investment Office in Taiwan; celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 41st anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan.

THAT copies of this resolution be furnished to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.
By: _____