

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1064

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution presenting congratulations to
10 President-elect Tsai and expressing admiration to
11 the Taiwanese people; encouraging closer economic
12 relationships between Taiwan and the United
13 States; supporting Taiwan's participation in
14 certain organizations; celebrating certain
15 anniversaries; commending Louis M. Huang for
16 efforts and contributions; and directing
17 distribution.

18 WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)
19 engage in robust bilateral trade, Taiwan is the 9th largest
20 United States trading partner, the largest per capita importer of
21 United States agricultural products, and Oklahoma's 9th largest
22 trading partner in Asia; the transportation, computer and
23 electronics industries as well as many other sectors important to
24 the Oklahoma economy are poised to benefit from economic
 partnership with Taiwan; and

1 WHEREAS, agribusiness continues to be one of the leading
2 industries in Oklahoma, and Taiwan is a leading importer of
3 United States agricultural goods, regularly dispatching
4 agricultural procurement missions to the United States to sign
5 multi-billion dollar supply deals every two years; and

6 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) remains a beacon of
7 democracy and the only full-fledged democracy in the Chinese-
8 speaking world, and a general election in Taiwan was held on
9 January 16, 2016, in which Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, the chairwoman of
10 the Democratic Progressive Party, was elected as the first female
11 president; and

12 WHEREAS, President-elect Tsai, who is an expert on trade and
13 took part in the Taiwan - United States bilateral trade
14 negotiations and was a major negotiator for Taiwan's accession to
15 the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2002, is familiar with and
16 concerned about mutual interests between Taiwan and the United
17 States; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Oklahoma will
19 benefit from closer economic relationships with Taiwan by
20 negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and a Bilateral
21 Investment Agreement (BIA) while promoting free and fair trade;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Business Roundtable's study shows that 54
24 percent of Oklahoma goods exported to the world went to America's

1 FTA partners in 2015, international trade supported more than
2 401,000 of Oklahoma's jobs in 2014, and an estimated 160,000 of
3 those jobs depend on trade with 11 other countries; and

4 WHEREAS, given the important role Taiwan plays in global
5 aviation security, to include Taiwan as a participant in the
6 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) would help
7 develop a global strategy to address aviation security threats;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan's exclusion from the International Criminal
10 Police Organization (INTERPOL) only serves to degrade
11 international security at a time when international criminal and
12 terrorist organizations are more sophisticated and more dangerous
13 than they have ever been, and United States support for Taiwan's
14 inclusion as an observer would help close a potentially dangerous
15 loophole that could be exploited by international criminals and
16 would enable Taiwan to both access and contribute to INTERPOL's
17 database of criminals and criminal activities.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA
20 LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives presents heartfelt
22 congratulations to President-elect Tsai for her election and
23 expresses admiration to the Taiwanese people for showing their
24 commitment to a democratically elected representative Republic.

1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages closer
2 economic relationships between Taiwan and the United States by
3 negotiating an FTA and a BIA between Taiwan and the United
4 States.

5 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports Taiwan's
6 meaningful participation in the ICAO, UNFCCC and INTERPOL, while
7 safeguarding individual privacy, civil liberties and national
8 sovereignty.

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives celebrates the
10 36th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between
11 Oklahoma and Taiwan and the 35th anniversary of the sister-city
12 relationship between Taipei and Oklahoma City.

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends Mr. Louis
14 M. Huang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
15 Office in Houston, for efforts and contributions toward enhancing
16 cooperation between Taiwan and Oklahoma.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Louis M.
18 Huang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
19 Office in Houston, Texas.

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