
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the enactment of the
2 Taiwan Relations Act and enhancing the friendship and
3 bilateral relationship between the Commonwealth of
4 Pennsylvania and Taiwan.

5 WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)
6 uphold the same values of freedom and democracy and are bonded
7 by their shared commitment to human rights, the rule of law and
8 a free market economy; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan have
10 developed an enduring and mutually beneficial partnership that
11 facilitates economic, cultural and people-to-people exchanges
12 over the years; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark
14 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral
15 relationship as well as to advance mutual security and
16 commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

17 WHEREAS, The TRA serves as the cornerstone of United States-
18 Taiwan relations, preserving peace and stability in the Taiwan

1 Strait; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 11th largest trading partner of the
3 United States, with bilateral trade, including goods and
4 services, totaling \$86.2 billion in 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established a trade
6 and investment office in Taiwan in 2005, promoting a fruitful
7 relationship of economic cooperation between the two sides; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's 7th
9 largest export market in Asia, and the Commonwealth of
10 Pennsylvania is home to a growing number of Taiwanese companies
11 that create thousands of jobs in Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, Life Sciences Pennsylvania signed a memorandum of
13 understanding with Taiwan Bio Industry Organization in 2015,
14 fostering new business opportunities, partnerships and research
15 collaboration; and

16 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan signed
17 an intergovernmental agreement regarding the mutual recognition
18 of driver's licenses in 2015, creating greater convenience for
19 the people on both sides and deepening relations between Taiwan
20 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commemorate the 40th anniversary of
23 the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and support the
24 enhancement of the friendship and bilateral relationship between
25 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan through the Taipei Economic and
28 Cultural Office in New York.