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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Reaffirming Ohio's commitment to strengthening and	1
deepening its sister-state relationship with Taiwan,	2
urging all Ohio businesses to refer to Taiwan, the	3
Republic of China, as Taiwan, opposing the People's	4
Republic of China's misuse of United Nations	5
Resolution 2758, and continuing its support for	6
Taiwan's meaningful participation in international	7
organizations that impact the health, safety, and	8
well-being of the people of Taiwan and support	9
Taiwan's aspirations to make more contributions in	10
international societies.	11

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, In 1985, the State of Ohio signed a sister-state	12
relationship agreement with Taiwan, officially called the	13
Republic of China, and ever since Ohio and Taiwan have enjoyed	14
strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and	15
tourism; and	16

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,	17
democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity	18
with the United States and the State of Ohio; and	19

WHEREAS, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner; Taiwan is the seventh largest trading partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached more than \$158.6 billion USD in 2024; and

WHEREAS, The total agricultural trade between Taiwan and the United States reached \$4.67 billion. Taiwan imported nearly \$3.8 billion worth of United States farm products in 2024, making it the largest market for United States agricultural products overall, the fourth largest market on a per capita basis among the top 10 United States agricultural export destinations, and the seventh largest market for United States soybeans and corn individually; and

WHEREAS, Due to its high quality produce, the United States remains one of Taiwan's largest sources of agricultural products, supplying more than one-fifth of the country's major agricultural imports; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Ohio have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was Ohio's fourth-largest export market in Asia in 2023, with \$904.23 million worth of Ohio goods exported to Taiwan. Taiwan was also Ohio's fourth-largest import market in Asia in 2023, with \$1.694 billion worth of Taiwan goods imported; and

WHEREAS, To strengthen the Taiwan-Ohio bilateral economic relationship, it is essential to support Ohio businesses to enhance their economic engagement with Taiwan based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), as the act stipulates that "[w]henever the laws of the United States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply with such respect to Taiwan," and it is legitimate for Ohio businesses to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan in conducting

business with Taiwan; and 52

WHEREAS, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement, the 53
Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement, and the Indo-Pacific 54
Economic Framework for Prosperity between Taiwan and the United 55
States are an important step toward further strengthening 56
bilateral trade between the two countries, thereby increasing 57
Ohio's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and 58
technical collaboration through mutual trade agreements; and 59

WHEREAS, United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 60
cannot be used to exclude Taiwan from participation in the 61
United Nations system or other international forums, and does 62
not establish the United Nation's stance on Taiwan's ultimate 63
political status, nor does it affirm the People's Republic of 64
China's "one China" principle; and 65

WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken in its international 66
relations "Integrated Diplomacy," highlighting three key 67
pillars: Value-based Diplomacy, Alliance-based Diplomacy, and 68
Economic and Trade Diplomacy, in which Taiwan aims to safeguard 69
and bolster its role in global supply chains and strengthen 70
exchanges with like-minded countries, exerting efforts to 71
implement five key trust industry sectors identified by 72
President Lai Ching-te, which include semiconductors, artificial 73
intelligence, defense technology, security and surveillance, and 74
next-generation communications, to not only strengthen Taiwan's 75
critical position in the global supply chain, but also foster 76
closer ties with diplomatic allies, so as to improve its overall 77
security and resilience; now therefore be it 78

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General 79
Assembly of the State of Ohio, reaffirm our commitment to the 80
strengthening and deepening of the sister ties between the State 81
of Ohio and Taiwan, the Republic of China; and be it further 82

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our support for the Taiwan 83
Relations Act and support Ohio businesses referring to Taiwan as 84
Taiwan; and be it further 85

RESOLVED, That we endorse Taiwan's efforts to secure the 86
signing of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement and the 87
Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity with the United 88
States, and reiterate our support for a closer economic and 89
trade partnership between the State of Ohio and Taiwan; and be 90
it further 91

RESOLVED, That we continue to support Taiwan's meaningful 92
participation in international organizations, such as the United 93
Nations, World Health Organization, the International Civil 94
Aviation Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention 95
on Climate Change, and the International Criminal Police 96
Organization, which impact the health, safety, and well-being of 97
the people of Taiwan, and support Taiwan's aspirations to make 98
more contributions to international societies; and be it further 99

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 100
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 101
United States Secretary of State, the Taipei Economic and 102
Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois, the members of the Ohio 103
congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio. 104