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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-SEVENTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE  
RELATIONSHIP.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and the Republic of China  
2 (Taiwan) have enjoyed a long history of friendship and have maintained  
3 a fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural, educational  
4 and economic exchanges since 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 294 million dollars'  
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2024, making Taiwan one of the most  
7 important foreign markets for Connecticut, and strengthening a robust  
8 bilateral trade relationship as well as fostering a continued collaboration  
9 between their respective industries; and

10 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free-market  
11 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and  
12 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial  
13 relations; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan  
15 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral relationship as  
16 well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between  
17 the United States and Taiwan, and the TRA, together with the Six  
18 Assurances of President Ronald Reagan in 1982, have served as the  
19 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations and have helped to  
20 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

21 WHEREAS, peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial to the  
22 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific, and Taiwan is an  
23 indispensable partner in safeguarding peace and stability in the region;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was  
26 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education  
27 and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide instruction in Mandarin, and  
28 given Mandarin's designation as a critical language for maintaining  
29 national security by the United States, the state of Connecticut welcomes  
30 opportunities to advance educational exchanges with Taiwan; and

31 WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed mutual driver's license recognition  
32 pacts with 36 states of the United States since 2013, and more than 25,000  
33 Taiwanese and American citizens have taken advantage of such pacts,  
34 and were Taiwan and the state of Connecticut to enter into a driver's  
35 license reciprocity agreement with each other, such an agreement would  
36 help increase the mobility of international students, business owners  
37 and academics from both sides; and

38 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver  
39 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation enjoyed  
40 by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allows Taiwan and the  
41 United States to develop closer relations and witness rapid growth in all  
42 areas of bilateral development; and

43 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in  
44 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation  
45 Organization (ICAO), the International Criminal Police Organization

46 (INTERPOL) and the United Nations Framework Convention on  
47 Climate Change (UNFCCC), and it will continue to support Taiwan's  
48 participation in the United Nations and other international  
49 organizations; and

50 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan enjoy longstanding and  
51 extensive economic ties, including 136.3 billion dollars in bilateral trade  
52 in 2024, making Taiwan the seventh largest trading partner of the  
53 United States; and

54 WHEREAS, the advancement of negotiations on the U.S.-Taiwan  
55 Initiative on 21st Century Trade and an Avoidance of Double Taxation  
56 Agreement (ADTA) with the United States would strengthen bilateral  
57 economic and trade partnerships and create jobs, incentivize investment  
58 and fortify the resilience of the supply chain for both countries; and

59 WHEREAS, Taiwan supports and wishes to become a full member of  
60 the United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), which  
61 will help bolster the economic potential of the region by defining shared  
62 trade objectives among partners and addressing standards for  
63 technology, supply chains, the digital economy and clean energy.

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General  
65 Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the twenty-seventh  
66 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and  
67 reiterate its support for a closer economic, educational, scientific and  
68 security partnership between the United States and the Republic of  
69 China (Taiwan); and

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and House  
71 of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the Taipei  
72 Economic and Cultural Office in New York.