

**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION reaffirming the commitment  
2 of sister ties between Indiana and Taiwan.

3           *Whereas, In November 1979, Indiana became Taiwan's*  
4 *first sister state by signing a sister-state relationship agreement*  
5 *with Taiwan, the Republic of China (ROC). Since then, Indiana*  
6 *and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral trade, educational*  
7 *and cultural exchanges, and tourism;*

8           *Whereas, In 2022, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb led a*  
9 *delegation to Taiwan to strengthen economic and cultural ties*  
10 *between the two sister states. He signed a memorandum of*  
11 *understanding (MOU) on Indiana-Taiwan economic*  
12 *cooperation and trade relations with Taiwan, becoming the*  
13 *second sitting Indiana governor to visit Taiwan since Governor*  
14 *Mitch Daniels in 2005. In August 2024, the Indiana Economic*



1     *Development Corporation opened an office in Taipei, Taiwan.*  
2     *In December 2025, Governor Mike Braun witnessed the new*  
3     *expansion of the research and development center in West*  
4     *Lafayette from Taiwan's MediaTek, Inc., one of the world's*  
5     *largest semiconductor design companies.*

6             *Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,*  
7     *democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity*  
8     *with the United States and the State of Indiana. This year marks*  
9     *both the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States*  
10    *and the 30th anniversary of Taiwan's first direct presidential*  
11    *election;*

12            *Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's*  
13    *second-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the*  
14    *seventh-largest trading partner of the United States, ranking*  
15    *higher than the United Kingdom, India, and Australia;*

16            *Whereas, Bilateral trade reached more than \$185 billion in*  
17    *2024, and Taiwan is the 12th-largest export market for United*  
18    *States goods. Since 2019, Taiwan-affiliated firms' investments*  
19    *in the United States have nearly doubled to \$99.5 billion, and*  
20    *trade and investment with Taiwan have helped support 387,000*  
21    *well-paid American jobs.*

22            *Whereas, Taiwan sent its eighth agricultural goodwill trade*  
23    *mission to Indiana in September 2025 and committed to*  
24    *purchasing up to \$6.4 billion in U.S. soybeans and corn over*  
25    *the next four years, mostly from Indiana. Taiwan have become*  
26    *the eighth-largest market for U.S. agricultural products*  
27    *overall;*

28            *Whereas, Taiwan and Indiana have enjoyed a long,*  
29    *mutually beneficial relationship, with prospects for future*  
30    *growth. Taiwan was Indiana's ninth-largest export market in*  
31    *Asia in 2024, with \$262 million in Indiana goods exported to*  
32    *Taiwan and a \$16 million investment from Taiwan in Indiana.*  
33    *Currently, up to 13 Taiwan-affiliated companies have chosen*  
34    *Indiana as their expansion location in the Midwest. The trade*  
35    *and investment from Taiwan supported around 3,000 quality*  
36    *Hoosier jobs;*



1           *Whereas, Robust negotiations between Taiwan and the*  
 2           *United States are an important step toward strengthening*  
 3           *bilateral trade between the two states. This will increase*  
 4           *Indiana's exports to Taiwan and foster bilateral investment and*  
 5           *technical collaboration through mutual trade agreements.*  
 6           *Indiana businesses should be encouraged to enhance their*  
 7           *economic engagement with Taiwan, based on the 1979 Taiwan*  
 8           *Relations Act (TRA) (Public Law 12 96-8, 22 U.S.C. 3301).*  
 9           *Article 4, Section b of the TRA stipulates that "whenever the*  
 10           *laws of the United States refer or relate to foreign countries ...*  
 11           *such terms shall include and such laws shall apply with respect*  
 12           *to Taiwan", thus it is legitimate for Indiana businesses*  
 13           *referring to Taiwan, ROC, as Taiwan in conducting their*  
 14           *business ties with Taiwan; and*

15           *Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "integrated*  
 16           *diplomacy", "values-based diplomacy", and "allies diplomacy"*  
 17           *in its international relations, and Taiwan is capable of, and*  
 18           *willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and collaborate with the*  
 19           *world to help with challenges of international crime, aviation*  
 20           *safety, humanitarian aid, medical assistance, and other areas:*  
 21           *Therefore,*

22           *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
 23           *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

24           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
 25           reaffirms its commitment to strengthening and deepening the  
 26           sister ties between the State of Indiana and Taiwan, ROC.

27           SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
 28           reaffirms its support for the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act and  
 29           2025 Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act, and encourages  
 30           Indiana officials to engage with Taiwan diplomats and to travel  
 31           to Taiwan without being threatened by any adversary forces.

32           SECTION 3. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
 33           endorses Taiwan's efforts to engage in bilateral trade  
 34           negotiations with the United States, and reiterates its support for  
 35           a closer economic and trade partnership between the State of  
 36           Indiana and Taiwan.

37           SECTION 4. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
 38           supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in international



1 organizations and opposes any distortion of United Nations  
2 General Assembly Resolution 2758.

3 SECTION 5. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
4 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
5 members of the Indiana Congressional Delegation and the  
6 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago.

