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### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND A CLOSER PARTNERSHIP  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN IN TRADE AND EXCHANGES OF OFFICIALS.

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Whereas, the trade in goods and services between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) totaled an estimated \$90.9 billion in 2020, with \$30.5 billion in exports and \$60.4 billion in imports, ranking Taiwan as the ninth largest trading partner of the United States. Overall, Taiwan supports an estimate of more than 375,288 jobs in the United States; and

Whereas, 161 Members of Congress signed a letter to then United States Trade Representative Robert E. Lighthizer on December 19, 2019, while 50 United States Senators signed a separate letter to him on October 1, 2020, encouraging the United States government to work toward initiating negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan, which would foster a more open and fair trade environment, thereby creating greater export and investment opportunities between the two countries; and

Whereas, the United States Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Taiwan Minister of Economic Affairs and Taiwan Minister of Science and Technology jointly led the second annual United States-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue on November 22, 2021, which featured extensive discussions on supply chain resiliency, countering economic coercion, promoting the digital economy, strengthening 5G network security and advancing collaboration in a variety of science and technology fields; and

Whereas, Taiwan was Arizona's eighth largest export market in 2020, reaching \$551.3 million in total United States exports to Taiwan originating from Arizona. In total, more than 7,895 jobs in Arizona are supported by Taiwanese affiliated companies and the exports of goods and services to Taiwan; and

Whereas, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company has begun construction of its \$12 billion 5-nanometer fab in Phoenix, Arizona, with chip production slated to start by 2024. This new factory will create 1,900 full-time jobs in Arizona over a five-year period; and

Whereas, Taiwan's Bureau of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Arizona Commerce Authority signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Trade and Economic Cooperation on October 5, 2021, aiming to foster further economic engagement and to establish or expand operations and supply chain cooperation between Taiwan and Arizona; and

Whereas, on July 12, 2013, the President of the United States signed into law H.R. 1151, an act supporting Taiwan's participation as an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

Whereas, on March 18, 2016, the President of the United States signed into law S. 2426, an act directing the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); and

Whereas, on March 26, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law S. 1678, an act stating that it should be the policy of the United States to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan's membership in

1 all international organizations in which statehood is not a requirement  
2 and in which the United States is also a participant, as well as for  
3 Taiwan to be granted observer status in other appropriate international  
4 organizations; and

5 Whereas, the United States Secretary of State issued a statement on  
6 October 26, 2021 encouraging all United Nations member states to join the  
7 United States in supporting Taiwan's robust, meaningful participation  
8 throughout the United Nations system and in the international community;  
9 and

10 Whereas Ms. Bi-khim Hsiao, Taiwan's Representative to the United  
11 States, and Taiwan Digital Minister Audrey Tang were invited to attend the  
12 "Summit for Democracy" hosted by the President of the United States on  
13 December 9 and 10, 2021; and

14 Whereas, the Arizona State Legislature passed resolutions in support  
15 of Taiwan's participation in international organizations, including  
16 INTERPOL and United Nations specialized agencies such as the World Health  
17 Organization, the ICAO and the United Nations Framework Convention on  
18 Climate Change, respectively, in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
19 and 2021; and

20 Whereas, the Taiwan Travel Act, signed into law by the President of  
21 the United States on March 16, 2018, allows officials at all levels of the  
22 federal government to travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese  
23 counterparts and allows high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the United  
24 States under conditions that demonstrate appropriate respect to such  
25 officials.

26 Therefore

27 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
28 Representatives concurring:

29 1. That the Members of the Legislature support the negotiation of a  
30 United States-Taiwan bilateral trade agreement and Taiwan's meaningful  
31 participation in international organizations, including the International  
32 Civil Aviation Organization, the International Criminal Police  
33 Organization, the World Health Organization and the United Nations  
34 Framework Convention on Climate Change.

35 2. That the Members of the Legislature acknowledge the achievements  
36 made by Arizona and Taiwan in the fields of economy, trade, technology,  
37 education and culture since establishing their sister-state relations on  
38 July 28, 1980 and encourage continued bilateral cooperation and exchanges  
39 between the two sides in the future.

40 3. That the Members of the Legislature support a future official  
41 visit to Taiwan by the Governor of Arizona at his discretion.