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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2010**

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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1       Whereas, the trade in goods and services between the United States  
2 and the Republic of China (Taiwan) totaled an estimated \$90.9 billion in  
3 2020, with \$30.5 billion in exports and \$60.4 billion in imports, ranking  
4 Taiwan as the ninth largest trading partner of the United States. Overall,  
5 Taiwan supports an estimate of more than 375,288 jobs in the United  
6 States; and

7       Whereas, 161 Members of Congress signed a letter to then United  
8 States Trade Representative Robert E. Lighthizer on December 19, 2019,  
9 while 50 United States Senators signed a separate letter to him on October  
10 1, 2020, encouraging the United States government to work toward  
11 initiating negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan, which  
12 would foster a more open and fair trade environment, thereby creating  
13 greater export and investment opportunities between the two countries; and

14       Whereas, the United States Under Secretary for Economic Growth,  
15 Energy, and the Environment, Taiwan Minister of Economic Affairs and  
16 Taiwan Minister of Science and Technology jointly led the second annual  
17 United States-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue on November  
18 22, 2021, which featured extensive discussions on supply chain resiliency,  
19 countering economic coercion, promoting the digital economy, strengthening  
20 5G network security and advancing collaboration in a variety of science  
21 and technology fields; and

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

27       Whereas, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company has begun  
28 construction of its \$12 billion 5-nanometer fab in Phoenix, Arizona, with  
29 chip production slated to start by 2024. This new factory will create  
30 1,900 full-time jobs in Arizona over a five-year period; and

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

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

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

43       Whereas, on March 26, 2020, the President of the United States  
44 signed into law S. 1678, an act stating that it should be the policy of  
45 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 House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
28 the Senate 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.

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