

1-1 By: Jetton (Senate Sponsor - Kolckhorst) H.C.R. No. 86
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2023;
 1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-20 WHEREAS, The longstanding bonds of friendship between the
 1-21 United States and Taiwan, embodied in the Taiwan Relations Act of
 1-22 1979, continue to yield important economic, social, strategic, and
 1-23 cultural benefits; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the United States' ninth largest
 1-25 trading partner, and bilateral trade reached \$114 billion in 2021;
 1-26 that same year, Taiwan was the sixth largest export market for U.S.
 1-27 agricultural products; the robust U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment
 1-28 partnership provides a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial
 1-29 bilateral trade agreement (BTA) to spur job creation, further
 1-30 expand the global market, and secure international supply chains;
 1-31 and

1-32 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global
 1-33 challenges, from humanitarian crises to nontraditional security
 1-34 threats; moreover, the country has emerged as an important partner
 1-35 in pandemic prevention, bolstering unprecedented international
 1-36 support for Taiwan's bid to participate in the World Health
 1-37 Assembly (WHA); and

1-38 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups
 1-39 partner with the United States on a range of issues to promote our
 1-40 common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; these
 1-41 partnerships build on the cooperative tradition of prior
 1-42 initiatives, such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework
 1-43 (GCTF), which advances Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as
 1-44 democratization, human rights, women's empowerment, and public
 1-45 health; and

1-46 WHEREAS, Since 1988, Texas and Taiwan have maintained a
 1-47 sister-state relationship, and they enjoy particularly close
 1-48 economic ties; Taiwan is Texas' 10th largest overseas market, and
 1-49 Texas exported over \$7.69 billion in goods and services to Taiwan in
 1-50 2020; the establishment of a Texas Trade and Investment Office in
 1-51 Taiwan could enhance the participation of small- and medium-sized
 1-52 enterprises in trade and investment and advance sister-state ties
 1-53 between Texas and Taiwan; and

1-54 WHEREAS, Texas and the United States have benefited
 1-55 immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan,
 1-56 and the wider world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan
 1-57 works to enhance its presence in the international community; now,
 1-58 therefore, be it

1-59 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-60 hereby express its support for the strengthening of our partnership
 1-61 with Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global

2-1 stage; and, be it further
2-2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives and Senate
2-3 hereby:
2-4 (a) express support for a bilateral trade agreement between
2-5 the United States and Taiwan;
2-6 (b) express support for Taiwan's meaningful participation
2-7 in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, the World
2-8 Health Assembly, the International Civil Aviation Organization,
2-9 the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and
2-10 other organizations;
2-11 (c) express support for a Texas Trade and Investment Office
2-12 in Taiwan; and
2-13 (d) celebrate the 44th anniversary of the enactment of the
2-14 Taiwan Relations Act and the 35th anniversary of the sister-state
2-15 relationship between the State of Texas and Taiwan; and, be it
2-16 further
2-17 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
2-18 for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston as an
2-19 expression of the sentiment of the Texas House of Representatives
2-20 and Senate.
2-21 Expressing support for the strengthening of our partnership with
2-22 Taiwan and for the expansion of Taiwan's role on the global stage.

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