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AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH 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
3 maintained a fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural,
4 educational and economic exchanges since 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 181 million dollars'
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2017, making Taiwan one of the major
7 foreign markets for Connecticut, and strengthening a robust bilateral
8 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
15 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral
16 relationship as well as to advance mutual security and commercial
17 interests between the United States and Taiwan, and the TRA has
18 served as the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations and has
19 helped to preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver
21 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation
22 enjoyed by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allows Taiwan
23 and the United States, including the sister-state of Connecticut, to
24 develop closer relations and to witness rapid growth in all areas of
25 bilateral development; and

26 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating
27 in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer in 2009, and will
28 continue supporting Taiwan's participation in other international
29 organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization
30 (ICAO) and the International Criminal Police Organization
31 (INTERPOL); and

32 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share a long-term and
33 close economic relationship, including 68.2 billion dollars in bilateral
34 trade in 2017, making Taiwan the eleventh largest trading partner of
35 the United States; and

36 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the bilateral trade relations with
37 the United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
38 has expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with
39 the United States.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
41 General Assembly pause in its deliberations to recognize the twentieth
42 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and
43 reiterate its support of a closer economic and trade partnership
44 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and
46 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to
47 President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the
48 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		

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REP. ROSARIO, 128th Dist.; REP. HADDAD, 54th Dist.
REP. RILEY, 46th Dist.; REP. RYAN, 139th Dist.
REP. PORTER, 94th Dist.; REP. SANTIAGO E., 130th Dist.
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