

House Resolution 1057

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Frye of the 118th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Dollar of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who both deeply cherish
3 the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

4 WHEREAS, in the year of 2020, Taiwan held its seventh direct presidential election, and Dr.
5 Tsai Ing-wen was elected as the 15th President of Taiwan, and along with her Vice President
6 Mr. Lai Ching-te, she hopes to continue to build the country's already rich tradition of
7 economic vitality, cultural growth and innovation, self-sufficiency in national defense, and
8 protecting Taiwan's democracy; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan adopted a "New Southbound Policy" in 2016 to promote Taiwan's
10 economic, technological, and cultural connections with Southeast Asia, South Asia,
11 Australia, and New Zealand, serving the best interests of the Asia-Pacific region in the
12 continuation of stability and growth; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan and mainland China have signed more than 20 agreements in the past
14 decade. U.S. businesses can collaborate with innovative Taiwanese companies in Taiwan's
15 comprehensive protection of intellectual property rights, and then use Taiwan as a
16 springboard for entering mainland China and other key Asian markets; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1984, the State of Georgia and Taiwan have enjoyed long, cordial, and
18 mutually beneficial sister-state relations, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each
19 passing year; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the United States
21 is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner; and

22 WHEREAS, the designation of Taiwan into the United States' Visa Waiver Program is a
23 significant step to draw travelers from Taiwan choosing the United States as their destination
24 for trade, investment, and sightseeing; and

25 WHEREAS, by working together with Taiwan, Georgia welcomes all opportunities for an
26 even closer economic partnership, such as the signing of a United States-Taiwan Bilateral
27 Investment Agreement and Bilateral Trade Agreement, in order to enhance the special
28 sister-state bond between Georgia and Taiwan and to encourage further cultural, educational,
29 and business exchanges between the citizens of both nations; and

30 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history
31 of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental
32 protection; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding relationship between
34 these extraordinary sister-states be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend and support the democratization efforts of Taiwan and
37 the nation's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization, the International
38 Civil Aviation Organization, and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well
39 as other international organizations, and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued
40 cooperation and success.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
43 Vincent Jing-Yen Liu, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
44 Atlanta.