

House Resolution 309

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Kelley of the 16th, Frye of the 122nd, Jones of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and the State of Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' eighth-largest trading partner, and the United States
4 is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, with bilateral trade amounting to \$105 billion in
5 2021; Georgia's export to Taiwan in 2021 increased 0.3 percent more than that of 2020 and
6 import from Taiwan in 2021 increased 17.2 percent more than that of 2020, making Taiwan
7 the 16th export market and the 12th import country of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the World Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce (WTCC) held the organization's
9 28th Annual Conference in Atlanta in March 2022 with over 300 Taiwanese business leaders
10 around the world, which further strengthened the economic ties between Georgia and
11 Taiwan; and

12 WHEREAS, the first "Taiwan Pavilion" was hosted by the Taipei Economic and Cultural
13 office (TECO) in Atlanta at the Southern Automotive Conference (SAC) in October 2022,
14 joined by eight leading Taiwanese companies related to electric vehicles that successfully
15 facilitated a contract of the Peachtree Corners Curiosity Lab with a Taiwan EV charger
16 solution provider; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia welcomes all opportunities for an even closer partnership on business,
18 educational, cultural, and people to people exchanges between citizens of the United States
19 and Taiwan and for collaborating better together in the worldwide economic recovery efforts;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the United States will host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in
22 2023. Being a formal member of the APEC, Taiwan keeps making great contributions and
23 is an indispensable key partner to the welfare of the people in Asia-Pacific region.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body are encouraged to join the Taiwan Caucus; welcome the state
26 government to establish a trade office in Taiwan as South Carolina, New Mexico, Montana,
27 and Pennsylvania have recently done to attract more investments; encourage its officials and
28 members of legislature to conduct more frequent exchanges with their Taiwanese
29 counterparts; and urge for the signing of an education cooperation MOU with Taiwan aiming
30 at promoting Mandarin-English language teachers and students exchange.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body support the "US-Taiwan
32 Initiative on 21st-Century Trade" and the negotiations on a Bilateral Trade Agreement as
33 Taiwanese companies are looking for diverse and free markets in the United States as well
34 as Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations and mechanisms.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Governor Brian Kemp, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, Georgia Congressional
38 Delegation, and Mr. Elliot Wang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
39 Office in Atlanta.