

House Resolution 582

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Dollar of the 45th, and Frye of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

1 Welcoming and commending the Honorable Ko, Wen-je, Mayor of Taipei City; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, respecting freedom, human rights, and the rule of law, Taiwan shares the core
4 values of democracy with our country and the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' 11th largest trading partner and Georgia's 6th
6 largest export destination in Asia, totaling nearly \$520 million in 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, 2019 is the dual fortieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act that the
8 Congress of the United States passed in 1979 and on November 5, 1979, the city of Taipei
9 entered into a sister-city relationship with the City of Atlanta; and

10 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act is to help maintain peace, security, and stability in the
11 Western Pacific and to promote the foreign policy of the United States by authorizing the
12 continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United
13 States and the people on Taiwan, and for other purposes; and

14 WHEREAS, since 1984, the State of Georgia and Taiwan have enjoyed long, cordial, and
15 mutually beneficial sister-statehood, through culture exchange and trade investment between
16 their two Capitols, Atlanta and Taipei, a friendship that has continued to strengthen for the
17 past 35 years; and

18 WHEREAS, for the benefit of all citizens, the people of both Atlanta, Georgia, and Taipei,
19 Taiwan, will endeavor to strengthen exchange programs in the fields of the fintech, biotech,
20 smart city, investment, education, culture, tourism, workforce innovation, and sustainable
21 urban development; and

22 WHEREAS, Taipei Mayor Ko, Wen-Je's visit on March 20-21, 2019, is to promote
23 economic, cultural, and educational exchanges between two Capitols of Taiwan and the
24 United States.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body welcome and commend the Honorable Mayor Ko, Wen-je for his
27 tireless efforts in furtherance of the ties of friendship between Taiwan and the United States.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Honorable Mayor Ko, Wen-je.