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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 149

REAFFIRMING THE LONGSTANDING SISTERHOOD PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DELAWARE AND TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) enjoy a longstanding partnership and share the  
2 common values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

3 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2024, Taiwan held its eighth presidential election through a fair and free process,  
4 setting another milestone in its democratic development; and

5 WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly congratulates President Lai Ching-te and Vice President Hsiao Bi-  
6 khim on their successful election; and

7 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2000, Delaware established a cherished sisterhood partnership with Taiwan, and in  
8 2024, both Delaware and Taiwan celebrated this partnership to further boost even closer relations; and

9 WHEREAS, 2024 marks the milestone forty-fifth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan have forged increasingly strong economic relations over decades; and

11 WHEREAS, Delaware supports the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade, Economic Prosperity  
12 Partnership Dialogue (EPPD) and the Technology, Trade and Investment Collaboration (TTIC); and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan holds a key position in the global economy and plays a vital role in the world's information  
14 and computer technology (ICT) industry as well as high-tech global supply chains; and

15 WHEREAS, Delaware supports Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and  
16 an Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA) with the United States to boost Delaware exports to Taiwan and to  
17 increase Taiwanese investment in Delaware; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2023, the trade volume between Delaware and Taiwan amounted to nearly \$237 million, and  
19 Taiwan is Delaware's fourth largest source of imports and fifth largest export market in Asia, underscoring Taiwan's  
20 steadfast role as a key trading partner of Delaware; and

21 WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly supports the reopening of a Delaware Trade Office in Taiwan; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan plays a vital role in regional geopolitics and should be granted access to participate in the  
23 Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) as well as various international organizations such as the World  
24 Health Organization (WHO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), United Nations Framework Convention on  
25 Climate Change (UNFCCC), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

26 NOW, THEREFORE:

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
28 Senate concurring therein, that the members of the Delaware General Assembly hereby reaffirm Delaware's commitment to  
29 strengthen the sisterhood partnership with Taiwan; commend Taiwan's vibrant full-fledged democracy; and continue to  
30 support Taiwan's meaningful participation in, and contributions to, the international stage.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor John Carney of Delaware and  
32 another sent to Ambassador Alexander Yui of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States.

#### SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution reaffirms Delaware's commitment to strengthen the longstanding partnership with Taiwan, supports Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement and an Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement with the United States; commends Taiwan's vibrant full-fledged democracy; supports the reopening of a Delaware Trade Office in Taiwan; and continues to support Taiwan's meaningful participation and contributions in international organizations.