

## House Resolution 2089

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in March of 2008, Taiwan held its fourth direct presidential election and  
3 witnessed a peaceful transition of political power, paving the way for Taiwan as a beacon of  
4 democracy in Asia and beyond; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who both deeply cherish  
6 the values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Taiwan have enjoyed long, cordial, and mutually  
8 beneficial sister-state relations since 1984, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each  
9 passing year; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, and the United States  
11 is Taiwan's third-largest trading partner; and
- 12 WHEREAS, today, the government of Taiwan has committed itself to achieving peace and  
13 co-prosperity with mainland China; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history  
15 of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental  
16 protection.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body commend and support the democratization efforts of Taiwan and  
19 the nation's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization, the International  
20 Civil Aviation Organization, and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby welcomes all opportunities to develop  
22 the special sister-state bond between Georgia and Taiwan, and encourages further cultural,  
23 educational, and business exchanges between the citizens of Georgia and Taiwan.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Larry R.L. Tseng,  
26 Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.