

## House Resolution 500

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Ramsey of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, Jones of the 46<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, the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement between Taiwan and  
13 mainland China went into effect in September of 2010, and the government of Taiwan has  
14 committed itself to achieving peace and co-prosperity with mainland China; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history  
16 of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental  
17 protection.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body commend and support the democratization efforts of Taiwan and  
20 the nation's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization, the International  
21 Civil Aviation Organization, and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well  
22 as the other international organizations.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Anna A. Kao, Director  
25 General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.