

House Resolution 1471

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Kelley of the 16th, Cheokas of the 138th, Williamson of the 115th, and Jones of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Welcoming H.E. Stanley Kao, Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, and supporting all opportunities for an even closer economic partnership between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, respecting freedom, human rights, and the rule of law, the Republic of China (Taiwan) shares the core values of democracy with our country and the State of Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) is the United States' tenth largest trading partner and Georgia's twenty-second largest export destination in Asia, totaling nearly \$425 million in 2019; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as a result of their common commitment to peace and prosperity, the State of Georgia and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have enjoyed friendly and fruitful relations since 1984, maintaining favorable trade relations, strong cultural ties, and extensive educational exchanges; and about 20,000 Taiwanese Americans in Georgia make a concrete contribution to Georgia's economy and culture; and
- 14 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act was signed into law by President Trump, and on October 29, 2019, Congress passed the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative Act, further enhancing the strong partnership between our two countries; and
- 18 WHEREAS, disease knows no boundaries, and participation by the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the World Health Organization is critical, not just to Taiwan but also to the world; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) possesses world-renowned achievements in the areas of medicine and science and is willing and able to extend their hands to those in need; and

24 WHEREAS, H.E. Stanley Kao and the Atlanta Council of International Relations are
25 working together to promote an economic and strategic partnership between the United
26 States of America and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend and support all opportunities for an even closer
29 economic partnership with the Republic of China (Taiwan), such as the signing of a
30 US-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and the nation's meaningful participation in
31 the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the UN
32 Framework Convention on Climate Change and extend their most sincere best wishes for
33 continued cooperation and success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to H.E.
36 Stanley Kao, Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office.