

House Resolution 62EX

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Collins of the 68th, Hitchens of the 161st, Williams of the 148th, Newton of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the inclusion of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the International Criminal
2 Police Organization (INTERPOL); and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding security allies who both deeply
4 cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and
5 the state of Georgia and Taiwan are sister States that recognize their many years of close
6 cooperation; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan has the power to ensure a safer world through collaboration with allied
8 police departments, helping to prevent and prosecute cross-border crime; and given the rapid
9 growth of terrorism, cybercrime, and international threats, it is essential for police worldwide
10 to create a seamless global system to protect law and order; and Taiwan police wish to
11 cooperate with their counterparts in other countries to jointly safeguard public safety and
12 ensure justice; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan's key role in international transport increases its vulnerability to
14 cross-border criminal activities, making its participation in INTERPOL essential; and Taiwan
15 is the world's 21st-largest economy and 15th-largest exporter. Taiwan plays a key role in
16 international manufacturing and produces 65% of the semiconductors used worldwide in

17 daily life including in cars, appliances, and phones, whose supply-chain needs to be
18 protected; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan hosts roughly 12 million international visitors annually, making it the
20 world's 36th most popular destination; and Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport serves
21 a total of 49 million passengers annually, ranking 10th among airports worldwide, making
22 Taiwan a nexus for the flow of people, goods, and money; and

23 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been excluded from INTERPOL for 37 years since China's
24 admission as a member in 1984; and for political reasons, INTERPOL has declined, or
25 refused to give favorable consideration to, Taiwan's requests for assistance; and INTERPOL
26 has continued to deny Taiwan's bids to attend the INTERPOL General Assembly as an
27 observer since 2016; and

28 WHEREAS, Taiwan has yet to receive INTERPOL's authorization to access its I-24/7 global
29 police communications network and numerous criminal databases, including the stolen and
30 lost travel documents database; and this has seriously undermined Taiwan's border security
31 checks and efforts to combat transnational crime.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body take steps to therefore urge the international community to support
34 its attendance as an observer at the 89th INTERPOL General Assembly in Turkey this year
35 as well as its meaningful participation in INTERPOL meetings, mechanisms, and other
36 activities, including access to the I-24/7 global police communications system and
37 INTERPOL training programs.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Mr. Elliot Wang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta,
41 Governor Brian Kemp, and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.