

## House Resolution 160

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and the State  
2 of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America are long-standing allies who both  
4 deeply cherish the common values of democracy, peace, and prosperity; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan continues to pursue integrated diplomacy and serve the best interests  
6 of the Indo-Pacific region by deepening ties with other like-minded nations, safeguarding  
7 regional security, and utilizing Taiwan's technological and economic success to promote  
8 partnerships on mutual benefits; and

9 WHEREAS, China repeatedly exerts economic coercion, stages military drills directed  
10 toward Taiwan, and distorts United Nations Resolution 2758 (XXVI) excluding Taiwan's  
11 participation from international organizations, which results in global challenges to  
12 rules-based international order and aggressive authoritarian expansionism; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' eighth-largest trading partner, and the United States  
14 is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, with an estimated \$128 billion worth of trade;  
15 Taiwan was Georgia's 15th largest import and 17th largest export market in 2023; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan's first agreement entered into force under the  
17 "US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade," which includes commitments on  
18 anti-corruption, good regulatory practices, customs administration and trade facilitation, and  
19 small- and medium-sized enterprises; and

20 WHEREAS, the Taiwanese government donated \$200,000 for Hurricane Helene relief to  
21 Georgia, and Taiwan's National Day was joyously celebrated at the Georgia Aquarium last  
22 October with more than 250 distinguished guests, including government officials,  
23 entrepreneurs, and leaders from the Taiwanese community; this event emphasized the  
24 celebration of the Taiwan Relations Act's 45th anniversary as well as symbolized the strong  
25 connection between Taiwan and Georgia.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body support constant talks under the "US-Taiwan Initiative on  
28 21st-Century Trade" and a "US-Taiwan Avoid Double Taxation Agreement," as Taiwanese  
29 companies are looking for a diverse and free market investment in the United States, as well  
30 as encourage the State of Georgia to establish a trade office in Taiwan as 23 other states and  
31 Guam have done; organize a trade delegation to Taiwan to attract more investments; and  
32 encourage city governments to participate in the annual "Smart City" forum in Taiwan.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with the celebration of Taiwan's democracy and the  
34 reaffirmation of the United States' commitment to Taiwan, the members of this body support  
35 the Taiwan Caucus as a means to explore more collaborative opportunities with Taiwan as  
36 well as support Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations and  
37 economic cooperations such as WHO, UNFCCC, ICAO, INTERPOL, CPTPP, and IPEF.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body support the signing of an  
39 education cooperation MOU with Taiwan to facilitate more exchanges of scholars, teachers,  
40 and students as well as the use of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language as a Chinese  
41 proficiency assessment tool for the Georgia State Seal of Biliteracy and encourage Georgians  
42 to take part in Taiwanese American Heritage Week in May and other activities and  
43 experiences that promote Taiwan's cultures, tourism, and delicacies such as Boba tea.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
45 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
46 Governor Brian Kemp, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia Congressional  
47 Delegation, and Mr. Elliot Wang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural  
48 Office in Atlanta.