

Senate Resolution 662

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd and James of the 28th

### 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, the year 2026 marks both the 250th anniversary of United States Independence  
10 and the 30th anniversary of Taiwan's first direct presidential election— milestones that honor  
11 liberty and the principle that sovereignty resides in the people; this shared celebration  
12 reaffirms Taiwan and the United States' commitment to the rule of law, human rights, and  
13 a rules-based international order; and

14 WHEREAS, through close cooperation, Taiwan and the United States strengthen democratic  
15 values and contribute to Indo-Pacific security, economic resilience, and global peace and  
16 stability for future generations; and

17 WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China has repeatedly engaged in economic coercion,  
18 conducted military exercises directed toward Taiwan, and misinterpreted United Nations  
19 General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI) to obstruct Taiwan's contributions to the  
20 international community, thereby challenging the rules-based international order and  
21 enabling aggressive authoritarian expansionism; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh largest trading partner, and the United  
23 States is Taiwan's second-largest, with bilateral trade-in-goods value estimated at \$158.8  
24 billion; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan was Georgia's 15th largest import and 17th largest export market in  
26 2024; and

27 WHEREAS, the first agreement implemented under the United States-Taiwan Initiative on  
28 21st-Century Trade establishes commitments on anti-corruption measures, sound regulatory  
29 practices, customs administration and trade facilitation, and the promotion of small and  
30 medium-sized enterprises.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 support constant talks under the “US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade” and a  
33 US-Taiwan double taxation avoidance mechanism, as Taiwanese companies are looking for  
34 a diverse and free market investment in the United States, as well as encourage the State of

35 Georgia to establish a trade office in Taiwan as 23 other states and Guam have done;  
36 organize a trade delegation to Taiwan to attract more investments.

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

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage the state executives  
43 and officials to further engage with their counterparts in Taiwan, to explore, enhance and  
44 deepen substantive relationship in issues that concern the State; support the signing of an  
45 education cooperation MOU with Taiwan to facilitate more exchanges of scholars, teachers,  
46 and students as well as encourage Georgians to use Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language  
47 (TOCFL) which was approved by Georgia Department of Education in 2025 as a Chinese  
48 proficiency assessment tool for the Georgia State Seal of Biliteracy; take part in Taiwanese  
49 American Heritage Week in May and other activities and experiences that promote Taiwan's  
50 cultures, tourism, and delicacies.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
52 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Governor Brian  
53 Kemp, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia Congressional Delegation, and  
54 Mr. Jared Lin, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.