

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. R. No. 10

1.1 A House resolution

1.2 reaffirming the commitment of the Minnesota House of Representatives to strengthening
1.3 and deepening sister ties between the state of Minnesota and Taiwan; reaffirming
1.4 support for the Taiwan Relations Act by urging all enterprises in Minnesota to refer
1.5 to Taiwan as Taiwan; supporting Taiwan's signing of a bilateral trade agreement, the
1.6 avoidance of double taxation agreement, and the Indo-Pacific economic framework
1.7 for prosperity with the United States; and reiterating continued support for increasing
1.8 Taiwan's international profile.

1.9 WHEREAS, in 1984, the state of Minnesota established a sister state relationship with Taiwan.
1.10 Since then, Minnesota and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural
1.11 exchanges, and tourism; and

1.12 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, rule of
1.13 law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the state of Minnesota; and

1.14 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner. Taiwan was
1.15 the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States and bilateral trade reached more than \$185.7
1.16 billion in 2024; and

1.17 WHEREAS, Taiwan was the United States' seventh-largest merchandise trading partner,
1.18 12th-largest export market, and eighth-largest source of imports in 2024; and

1.19 WHEREAS, from 2021 to 2024, trade between the United States and Taiwan grew by 62
1.20 percent, reaching \$158.6 billion, with Taiwan's direct investment in the United States totaling \$14.1
1.21 billion, bolstering supply chain resilience, industrial cooperation, innovation, and talent exchange;
1.22 and

1.23 WHEREAS, Taiwan imported \$8.46 billion worth of United States farm products from 2021
1.24 to 2024, making it the ninth-largest market for United States soybeans and corn, benefiting
1.25 Minnesotan farmers; and

2.1 WHEREAS, Taiwan sent an agriculture goodwill trade mission to Minnesota in September
2.2 2022, followed by another agriculture goodwill trade mission to the United States in September
2.3 2025, and made commitments to purchase up to \$9.6 billion of United States soybeans and corn
2.4 from various American states, including Minnesota; and

2.5 WHEREAS, due to its high-quality produce, the United States remains one of Taiwan's largest
2.6 sources of agricultural products, supplying more than one-fifth of the country's major agricultural
2.7 imports; and

2.8 WHEREAS, President Lai Ching-te announced that Taiwanese businesses plan to increase
2.9 purchases of agricultural commodities to \$10 billion between 2025 and 2028, an 18-percent rise,
2.10 which will reduce the United States trade deficit and mitigate risks from global trade disruptions;
2.11 and

2.12 WHEREAS, Taiwan pursues integrated, values-based, and ally-focused diplomacy and
2.13 contributes to humanitarian aid, medical assistance, disaster relief, and global public health; and

2.14 WHEREAS, Taiwan has committed to strengthening its self defense, with a military budget
2.15 that is projected to reach 3.32 percent of gross domestic product next year and a goal of five percent
2.16 by 2030; and

2.17 WHEREAS, Taiwan promotes the "Strategic Three Chains," which include the Democratic
2.18 Value Chain grounded in freedom, human rights, and rule of law; the Non-Red Supply Chain
2.19 reducing authoritarian dependence; and the First Island Chain linking South Korea, Japan, Taiwan,
2.20 and the Philippines as a barrier to authoritarian expansion to secure peace, prosperity, and security
2.21 in the Indo-Pacific; and

2.22 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the state of Minnesota have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial
2.23 relationship with the prospect of future growth and Taiwan was Minnesota's ninth-largest export
2.24 market in 2024, with \$640 million worth of Minnesota goods exported to Taiwan; and

2.25 WHEREAS, Taiwan provided more than 100,000 masks to Minnesota during the COVID-19
2.26 pandemic in a gesture of goodwill to help meet global humanitarian needs; and

2.27 WHEREAS, to strengthen the Taiwan-Minnesota bilateral economic relationship, it is essential
2.28 to support Minnesota businesses' economic engagement with Taiwan, pursuant to the 1979 Taiwan
2.29 Relations Act (Public Law 96-8, United States Code, title 22, section 3301). As Article 4, Section
2.30 b, of the Taiwan Relations Act stipulates that "wherever the laws of the United States refer or relate
2.31 to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include and
2.32 such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan," it is legitimate for Minnesota businesses to refer to
2.33 Taiwan as Taiwan when conducting business with Taiwan; and

2.34 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have condemned the People's Republic of China's
2.35 misuse of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 to isolate Taiwan and restrict Taiwan's
2.36 sovereign choices; and

3.1 WHEREAS, the United States has reaffirmed that Resolution 2758 does not bar Taiwan's
3.2 participation in the United Nations system or other multilateral fora, as stated at the World Health
3.3 Organization Executive Board and the United Nations Security Council; and

3.4 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement, the avoidance of double taxation
3.5 agreement, and Indo-Pacific economic framework for prosperity between Taiwan and the United
3.6 States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our countries,
3.7 thereby increasing Minnesota's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral investments and technical
3.8 collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

3.9 WHEREAS, having undertaken a policy of integrated diplomacy, highlighting values-based
3.10 diplomacy, alliance-based diplomacy, and economic and trade diplomacy, Taiwan is capable of
3.11 and willing to fulfill its responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges
3.12 of humanitarian aid and disease control; and

3.13 WHEREAS, during this year's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month,
3.14 we celebrate Minnesota's vibrant Taiwanese American community, which has enriched the state's
3.15 culture, cuisine, and commerce for decades; and

3.16 WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, a
3.17 milestone reflecting the nation's enduring commitment to liberty, democracy, prosperity, and peace;
3.18 and

3.19 WHEREAS, 2026 also marks the 30th anniversary of Taiwan's first presidential election,
3.20 underscoring the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and the shared responsibility
3.21 of democratic partners to deter aggression; NOW, THEREFORE,

3.22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota that it reaffirms
3.23 its commitment to strengthening and deepening the sister ties between the state of Minnesota and
3.24 Taiwan.

3.25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
3.26 that it reaffirms its support for the Taiwan Relations Act and supports Minnesota businesses referring
3.27 to Taiwan as Taiwan.

3.28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
3.29 that it encourages and supports continued efforts by the governments of the United States and
3.30 Taiwan to advance negotiations toward a bilateral trade agreement and to negotiate and conclude
3.31 a comprehensive tax agreement to address double taxation, recognizing that such agreements would
3.32 enhance bilateral trade, promote increased investment, and create new economic opportunities that
3.33 benefit the people and businesses of Minnesota.

3.34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
3.35 that it supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in the international arena and condemns efforts

4.1 to undermine Taiwan's sovereign status or international engagement through the distortion of United
4.2 Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758.

4.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
4.4 that it recognizes the significance of these historic milestones and reaffirms its strong support for
4.5 continued peace, stability, and prosperity in the Taiwan Strait.

4.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
4.7 that it endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of a bilateral trade agreement, the avoidance
4.8 of double taxation agreement, and Indo-Pacific economic framework for prosperity with the United
4.9 States and reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership between the state of
4.10 Minnesota and Taiwan.

4.11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
4.12 that it continues to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, such
4.13 as the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization,
4.14 the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the International Criminal
4.15 Police Organization, which impact the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Taiwan, and
4.16 supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more contributions to international societies.

4.17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota
4.18 that it supports the state of Minnesota and Taiwan in continuing to deepen their bilateral partnership,
4.19 strengthen economic and people-to-people ties, and advance shared democratic values in the years
4.20 ahead.