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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 145

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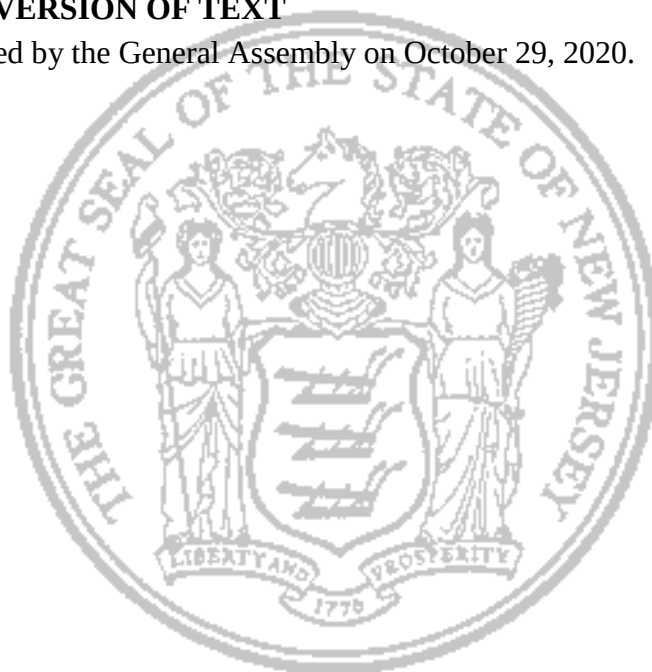
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SYNOPSIS

Recognizes strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, congratulates President-elect Dr. Tsai, Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai, Ching-te.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on October 29, 2020.



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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ¹**【commemorating the New Jersey-**
 2 Taiwan sister state relationship and recognizing the importance
 3 of a strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey and
 4 Taiwan**】** recognizing the strong and enduring partnership
 5 between New Jersey and Taiwan, and congratulating President-
 6 elect Dr. Tsai, Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai, Ching-
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 9 ¹**【WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)**
 10 are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human
 11 rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy; and

12 **WHEREAS, New Jersey and Taiwan have enjoyed a close and**
 13 prosperous affiliation since 1989, when they entered into a sister
 14 state relationship; and

15 **WHEREAS, In 2019, New Jersey exported approximately \$460 million**
 16 worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 5th largest export
 17 market for the State in Asia, and both sides are committed to
 18 strengthening bilateral economic ties; and

19 **WHEREAS, More than 100 Taiwanese companies have invested in**
 20 New Jersey, including Formosa Plastic Corporation, Eva Air,
 21 Evergreen Marine, Yang Mine Marine Transport, and AAEON
 22 Electronics, Inc., all of which helped to create jobs in this State; and

23 **WHEREAS, Individuals from Taiwan who have immigrated to this**
 24 country and to New Jersey have contributed greatly to the State's
 25 diversity, thriving international culture, and economic development;
 26 and

27 **WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the United**
 28 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in 2019; and

29 **WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan**
 30 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral
 31 relationship as well as to advance mutual security and commercial
 32 interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

33 **WHEREAS, The TRA has served as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan**
 34 relations and has helped to preserve peace and stability in the
 35 Taiwan Strait; and

36 **WHEREAS, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in**
 37 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil
 38 Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Criminal
 39 Police Organization (INTERPOL), and will continue to support
 40 Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international
 41 organizations; now, therefore,**】**¹

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 43 ¹**WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) are**
 44 bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human rights,
 45 the rule of law, and a free market economy; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted October 29, 2020.

1 **WHEREAS**, The Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) has served as the
2 cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations and has helped to preserve
3 peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and
4 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey and Taiwan have enjoyed a close and
5 prosperous affiliation since 1989, when they entered into a sister
6 state relationship; and
7 **WHEREAS**, On January 11, 2020, Taiwan held yet another successful
8 election of the president and vice president, re-electing Dr. Tsai,
9 Ing-wen as president and electing Dr. Lai, Ching-te as vice
10 president, a demonstration of Taiwan's vibrant democracy; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the United
12 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in 2019; and
13 **WHEREAS**, In 2019, New Jersey exported approximately \$460 million
14 worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 5th largest export
15 market for the State in Asia, and both sides are committed to
16 strengthening bilateral economic ties; and
17 **WHEREAS**, In order to strengthen bilateral trade with the United
18 States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has
19 expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA)
20 with the United States; and
21 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is home to a growing number of Taiwanese
22 companies, including Formosa Plastics Corporation, Eva Air,
23 Evergreen Marine, Yang Ming Marine Transport, the Friendwell
24 Group of Companies, and AAEON Electronic Inc., all of which
25 helped to create jobs in this State; and
26 **WHEREAS**, Individuals from Taiwan who have immigrated to this
27 country and to New Jersey have contributed greatly to the State's
28 diversity, thriving international culture, and economic development;
29 and
30 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey and Taiwan signed a
31 Memorandum of Understanding concerning the issuance of driver
32 licenses in 2019, creating greater convenience for the people on
33 both sides and deepening relations between Taiwan and the State
34 of New Jersey; and
35 **WHEREAS**, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in
36 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil
37 Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Criminal
38 Police Organization (INTERPOL), and will continue to support
39 Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international
40 organizations; and
41 **WHEREAS**, This Assembly supports enhancing the relations between
42 New Jersey and Taiwan, and it is fitting and proper that this
43 Assembly congratulates President Dr. Tsai, Ing-wen on her re-
44 election as the president of Taiwan and Vice President-elect Dr.
45 Lai, Ching-te on his election to office; now, therefore,¹
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47 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
48 *Jersey:*

1 1. This House ¹【commemorates the New Jersey-Taiwan sister
2 state relationship, and recognizes the importance of a strong and
3 enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and
4 reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership
5 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)】
6 recognizes the strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey
7 and Taiwan, and congratulates President-elect Dr. Tsai, Ing-wen
8 and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai, Ching-te¹.

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10 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
11 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
12 President and Vice-President of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
13 through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York and
14 to the Ambassador, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and
15 Cultural Office in New York.