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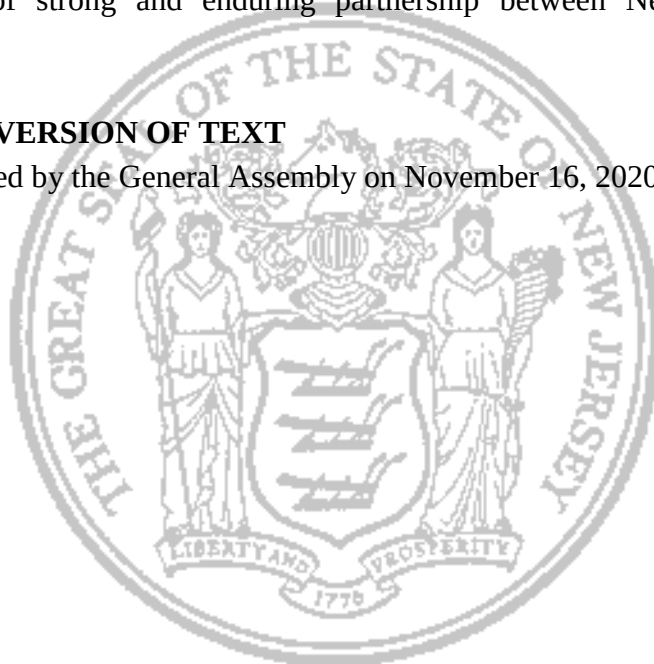
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SYNOPSIS

Commemorates New Jersey-Taiwan sister state relationship and recognizes importance of strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on November 16, 2020.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/11/2021)

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]** ²**[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-**
7 **te**¹**]** **commemorating the New Jersey-Taiwan sister state**
8 **relationship and recognizing the importance of a strong and**
9 **enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan**².
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11 ¹**[WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)**
12 **are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human**
13 **rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy; and**
14 **WHEREAS, New Jersey and Taiwan have enjoyed a close and**
15 **prosperous affiliation since 1989, when they entered into a sister**
16 **state relationship; and**
17 **WHEREAS, In 2019, New Jersey exported approximately \$460 million**
18 **worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 5th largest export**
19 **market for the State in Asia, and both sides are committed to**
20 **strengthening bilateral economic ties; and**
21 **WHEREAS, More than 100 Taiwanese companies have invested in**
22 **New Jersey, including Formosa Plastic Corporation, Eva Air,**
23 **Evergreen Marine, Yang Mine Marine Transport, and AAEON**
24 **Electronics, Inc., all of which helped to create jobs in this State; and**
25 **WHEREAS, Individuals from Taiwan who have immigrated to this**
26 **country and to New Jersey have contributed greatly to the State's**
27 **diversity, thriving international culture, and economic development;**
28 **and**
29 **WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the United**
30 **States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in 2019; and**
31 **WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan**
32 **Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral**
33 **relationship as well as to advance mutual security and commercial**
34 **interests between the United States and Taiwan; and**
35 **WHEREAS, The TRA has served as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan**
36 **relations and has helped to preserve peace and stability in the**
37 **Taiwan Strait; and**
38 **WHEREAS, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in**
39 **the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil**
40 **Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Criminal**
41 **Police Organization (INTERPOL), and will continue to support**
42 **Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international**
43 **organizations; now, therefore,]**¹

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.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted November 16, 2020.

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

1 ²WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) are
2 bonded by the shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the
3 rule of law, and a free market economy; 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, In 2019, New Jersey exported approximately \$460 million
8 worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 5th largest export
9 market for the State in Asia, and both sides are committed to
10 strengthening bilateral economic ties; and
11 WHEREAS, More than 100 Taiwanese companies have invested in New
12 Jersey, including Formosa Plastic Corporation, Eva Air, Evergreen
13 Marine, Yang Mine Marine Transport, and AAEON Electronics,
14 Inc., all of which helped to create jobs in this State; and
15 WHEREAS, Individuals from Taiwan who have immigrated to this
16 country and to New Jersey have contributed greatly to the State's
17 diversity, thriving international culture, and economic development;
18 and
19 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the United
20 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in 2019; and
21 WHEREAS, The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has
22 expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with
23 the United States, and such an agreement will ease the burden of
24 companies conducting cross-border business, facilitate legal
25 harmonization in the areas of digital trade, IP protection, and
26 technical barriers to trade, as well as help New Jersey's industries
27 gain better market access to Taiwan; and
28 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan
29 Relation Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship
30 as well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests
31 between the United States and Taiwan; and
32 WHEREAS, The TRA has served as the cornerstone of United States-
33 Taiwan relations and has helped to preserve peace and stability in
34 the Taiwan Strait; 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; now, therefore.²

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42 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
43 *Jersey:*
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45 ²**[1.** This House ¹**]**commemorates the New Jersey-Taiwan sister
46 state relationship, and recognizes the importance of a strong and

1 enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and
2 reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership
3 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)】
4 recognizes the strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey
5 and Taiwan, and congratulates President-elect Dr. Tsai, Ing-wen
6 and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai, Ching-te¹.】²
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8 ²1. This House commemorates the New Jersey-Taiwan sister state
9 relationship, and recognizes the importance of a strong and enduring
10 partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and reiterates its support
11 for a closer economic and trade partnership between the United States
12 and the Republic of China (Taiwan), including the signing of the
13 United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement.²
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15 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
16 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
17 President and Vice-President of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
18 through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York and
19 to the Ambassador, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and
20 Cultural Office in New York.