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COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(TAIWAN) FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States are long-standing allies who both deeply cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, as the first Asian constitutional republic, Taiwan continues to experience unprecedented national progress and prosperity achieved initially through farming and natural resources, and through the industrialization of its economy; the innate industriousness of the people of Taiwan coupled with adherence to the principles of a free and democratic society may be credited with the explosive growth that has established Taiwan as one of the most prosperous economies in the world; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan serves the best interests of the Asia-Pacific region in the continuation of stability and growth; Taiwan and mainland China have signed more than 20 agreements in the past decade, and U.S. businesses can

1 collaborate with innovative Taiwanese companies in Taiwan's
2 comprehensive protection of intellectual property rights,
3 facilitating entry into mainland China and other key Asian
4 markets; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the United States' largest
6 trading partners, and our nation is Taiwan's second-largest
7 trading partner; this state enjoys a special sister-state bond
8 with Taiwan and recognize the importance of encouraging
9 further cultural, educational, and business exchanges between
10 the citizens of both nations; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the
12 international community with a long history of commitment to
13 international health and humanitarian aid as well as
14 environmental protection; as our great nation and state
15 continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, we acknowledge the
16 assistance and support of Taiwan in its contributions to us
17 during this critical time; Taiwan has graciously donated
18 thousands of surgical masks and N95 masks to assist the people
19 of Alabama in their battle with COVID-19; and,

20 WHEREAS, we commend Taiwan's devoted citizens for
21 their vision, valiant efforts, and vital representation of
22 democracy across the globe; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the members of this body
25 commend and support Taiwan and recognize its numerous
26 contributions to our nation and this state, and we extend our

1 most sincere best wishes for continued cooperation and success
2 in the future as Taiwan continues to impact the world.