
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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GORDNER, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, KILLION, MASTRIANO AND
PITTMAN, APRIL 3, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 3, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the friendship and bilateral relationship between
2 the Commonwealth and Taiwan, and congratulating President Dr.
3 Tsai Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai Ching-te.

4 WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)
5 uphold the same values of freedom and democracy and are bonded
6 by their shared commitment to human rights, the rule of law and
7 a free market economy; and

8 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States enacted the
9 landmark Taiwan Relations Act, which has served as the
10 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations for decades; and

11 WHEREAS, On January 11, 2020, Taiwan held yet another
12 successful election of the president and vice president, re-
13 electing Dr. Tsai Ing-wen as president and electing Dr. Lai
14 Ching-te as vice president, a demonstration of Taiwan's vibrant
15 democracy; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 10th-largest trading partner of the
17 United States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in
18 2019; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan is this Commonwealth's 5th-largest export
2 market in Asia and this Commonwealth is home to a growing number
3 of Taiwanese companies that create thousands of jobs in
4 Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, In order to strengthen bilateral trade with the
6 United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
7 has expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement with
8 the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth and Taiwan have developed an
10 enduring and mutually beneficial partnership that facilitates
11 economic, cultural and people-to-people exchanges over the
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth established a trade and investment
14 office in Taiwan in 2005, promoting a fruitful relationship of
15 economic cooperation between the two sides; and

16 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and Taiwan signed an
17 intergovernmental agreement regarding the mutual recognition of
18 driver's licenses in 2015, creating greater convenience for the
19 people on both sides and deepening relations between Taiwan and
20 this Commonwealth; and

21 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth supports enhancing relations
22 between this Commonwealth and Taiwan, and it is fitting and
23 proper to congratulate President Dr. Tsai Ing-wen on her re-
24 election as the president of Taiwan and Vice President-elect Dr.
25 Lai Ching-te on his election to office; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 recognize the friendship and bilateral relationship between the
28 Commonwealth and Taiwan, and congratulate President Dr. Tsai
29 Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai Ching-te; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan through the Taipei Economic and
3 Cultural Office in New York.