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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED
4 STATES AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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6 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are
7 like-minded in that both deeply cherish the common values of
8 freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been experiencing continuous
10 threats from the neighbor of China, which has encroached on
11 Taiwan's security by flying in Taiwan's air defense
12 identification zone, disseminating disinformation, launching
13 cyber attacks, and repeatedly excluding Taiwan from the
14 international system, as demonstrated through its denial of
15 Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States and Taiwan have
17 experienced strengthening in bilateral relations; the State
18 Department loosened restrictions on official contacts with
19 Taiwan; both sides resumed the eleventh Trade and Investment
20 Framework Agreement Council meeting; the United States
21 continues to approve its arms sales to Taiwan, demonstrating
22 that the United States has always placed great importance on
23 Taiwan's defense capabilities; Taiwan and the United States,
24 along with Japan, welcomed Australia as the fourth official
25 partner of the Global Cooperation and Training Framework; most

1 recently, the United States included Taiwan in the 2021 Summit
2 for Democracy; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan has contributed extensive resources
4 to help the international community, including the United
5 States, to combat the COVID-19 pandemic through the global
6 donation of tens of million of surgical and N95 masks,
7 hundreds of thousands of isolation gowns, and tens of
8 thousands of thermometers, reciprocally, the United States has
9 donated 4 million doses of the Moderna vaccine to Taiwan; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan ranks as the second-freest country
11 in Asia, scoring 94 out of 100 and seventh in the world in
12 Freedom House's latest report on global freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth-largest
14 trading partner, and the United States is Taiwan's
15 second-largest trading partner; Taiwan supports an estimated
16 330,000 jobs in the United States; Taiwan is the 15th largest
17 export market of Alabama, Alabama's 12th largest import
18 country, investing \$16 million to Alabama and supporting an
19 estimated 1,551 jobs in Alabama; recently, South Carolina, New
20 Mexico, Montana, and Pennsylvania have established trade
21 offices in Taiwan to attract more investments; and

22 WHEREAS, Alabama welcomes all opportunities for an
23 even closer partnership on business, educational, cultural,
24 and people-to-people exchanges between the citizens of both

1 nations, and to recover better together in the worldwide,
2 post-pandemic economic recovery efforts; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it encourages the members of
5 this body to join the Southeastern State Legislative Taiwan
6 Caucus (SESTC), calling like-minded states and international
7 communities to support Taiwan's democracy, freedom, and the
8 nation's meaningful participation in international
9 organizations and cooperation, such as the World Health
10 Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization,
11 INTERPOL, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and
12 CPTPP.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it supports the early
14 start of negotiations on a US-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement
15 (BTA), establishing a trade office in Taiwan, as Taiwanese
16 companies are looking for diverse and free markets in the U.S.
17 instead of China.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it urges Alabama and
19 Taiwan to sign K-12 and higher education cooperation MOUs
20 aiming at Mandarin-English language exchange programs,
21 encouraging its officials and members of Legislature to
22 conduct more exchanges with their Taiwanese counterparts.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House
24 of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an
25 appropriate copy of this resolution to Governor Kay Ivey,

1 Secretary of State John Merrill, and Mr. Elliot Wang,
2 Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
3 Atlanta.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 02-MAR-22.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

08-MAR-22

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