

By Senator Calatayud

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Senate Resolution

A resolution expressing appreciation for the sister state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan and encouraging the Governor to lead a trade and economic delegation to Taiwan in 2026.

WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act was signed into United States law in 1979, formally establishing the basis for the continued commercial and cultural relations between the people of the United States and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, the administration of Taiwan has continued with its signature Integrated Diplomacy proposed by President Lai Ching-te, demonstrating that Taiwan is a pivotal force for stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, and

WHEREAS, the United States severely condemned China for misusing the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 in its attempt to isolate Taiwan at the United Nations Security Council in April 2025, and reiterated that Resolution 2758 did not preclude Taiwan's participation in the United Nations system or other multilateral forums, and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump signed the Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 in December 2025, demonstrating strong bipartisan support from Congress and the executive branch for deepening Taiwan-U.S. relations and bolstering Taiwan's defense capabilities, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh-largest trading partner, as well as Florida's fourth-largest bilateral

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merchandise trading partner in the Asia-Pacific region, and
Taiwan's economy is exceptionally strong, exceeding a GDP growth
rate of 7 percent in 2025, and

WHEREAS, the beef working group of the 2025 Taiwan
Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission that visited Florida in
September 2025 learned the advantages of Florida's cattle
industry, underscoring Taiwan's commitment to strengthen its
beef trade with Florida and explore opportunities for expanding
bilateral cooperation based on the Taiwan-Florida Memorandum of
Understanding, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Leadership Mission, approved by
Governor Ron DeSantis and composed of leaders from state
government, economic development organizations, universities,
and representatives from the business community, visited Taiwan
in October 2025 to expand strategic cooperation between Taiwan
and Florida and advance collaboration in critical sectors, and

WHEREAS, since November 1, 2012, Taiwan has been a member
of the United States Visa Waiver Program, which enhances the
convenience of two-way travel for business and tourism,
reflecting the cooperation between the United States and Taiwan,
and

WHEREAS, the launch of FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 on June 25,
2019, a joint United States-Taiwan collaborative space mission
consisting of a constellation of six satellites designed to
enhance the accuracy of atmospheric weather prediction, has
demonstrated the mutual benefit born from the relations between
Florida and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan actively participates in international
organizations, including the World Health Assembly, the United

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59 Nations, the International Criminal Police Organization, and the
60 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, while
61 also maintaining its membership status in both the Asia-Pacific
62 Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization, as well
63 as participating, observing, and cooperating with more than 50
64 additional international organizations, and

65 WHEREAS, the economic bonds between the United States and
66 Taiwan continue to flourish, embodied by the signing of the
67 United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First
68 Agreement Implementation Act in August 2023; the extension of
69 the Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue Memorandum of
70 Cooperation for an additional 5 years; the inclusion of Taiwan
71 in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework; and the introduction of
72 the United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act in
73 Congress in January 2025, and

74 WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and
75 Cultural Office in Miami in 1988, Taiwan has developed a sister
76 state relationship with Florida and multiple sister city
77 relations within this state, and Florida is proud of its 34-
78 year-long sister state relationship with Taiwan, NOW, THEREFORE,

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80 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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82 That the Senate expresses its appreciation for the sister
83 state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties
84 between the State of Florida and Taiwan.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to further fortify the
86 significant friendship between Taiwan and Florida, the Governor
87 of Florida is encouraged to lead a trade and economic delegation

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88 meeting in Taiwan in 2026, and the Secretary of State is
89 directed to dispatch copies of this resolution to President Lai
90 Ching-te, through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
91 Miami, and to the Executive Office of the Governor as a tangible
92 token of the sentiments expressed herein.