

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 131

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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 introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** 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.
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6 **WHEREAS**, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) are
7 bonded by a shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the
8 rule of law, and a free market economy; and
9 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey and Taiwan have enjoyed a close and
10 prosperous affiliation since entering into a sister state relationship
11 in 1989, and Newark established a sister city agreement with
12 Taiwan's Taoyuan City in 2021, demonstrating both sides' interest
13 in expanding our city-level cooperation; and
14 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan is the 8th largest trading partner of the United
15 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$114 billion in 2021, and the
16 resumption of high-level United States-Taiwan Trade and
17 Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) talks in June further
18 exemplified the importance of the United States-Taiwan trade and
19 investment relationship; and
20 **WHEREAS**, In 2021, New Jersey exported approximately \$599 million
21 worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan its 5th largest export
22 market in Asia, and both sides are committed to strengthening
23 economic ties, as more than 200 Taiwanese companies have
24 invested in New Jersey, which has helped to create jobs in this
25 State; and
26 **WHEREAS**, The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has
27 expressed interest in signing a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA)
28 with the United States in order to further enhance the economic
29 partnership between the United States and Taiwan; and
30 **WHEREAS**, The second United States-Taiwan Economic Prosperity
31 Partnership Dialogue (EPPD) took place in 2021, where there was
32 extensive discussion on supply chain resiliency, countering
33 economic coercion, promoting the digital economy, strengthening
34 5G network security, and advancing collaboration in a variety of
35 science and technology fields; and
36 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey and Taiwan signed a Memorandum of
37 Understanding Concerning the Reciprocal Issuance of Driver
38 Licenses in 2019, helping increase the mobility of international
39 students, businessmen, and academics from both sides; and
40 **WHEREAS**, The United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
41 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international
42 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin
43 language instruction, and given Mandarin's designation as a critical
44 language as well as Taiwan's plans to be English-Mandarin
45 bilingual by 2030, schools and institutions of higher education in
46 both New Jersey and Taiwan are encouraged to enhance their
47 exchanges; and

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States and Taiwan signed a Memorandum of
2 Understanding to establish a Coast Guard Working Group (CGWG)
3 in order to preserve maritime resources, reduce illegal, unreported,
4 and unregulated fishing, and participate in joint maritime search
5 and rescue as well as maritime environmental response events; and
6 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan is a trustworthy partner in mitigating the impact of
7 natural disasters by providing disaster relief, including
8 humanitarian and medical assistance; and
9 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States' Visa Waiver
10 Program and Global Entry, and the reciprocal travel facilitation
11 enjoyed by United States citizens when visiting Taiwan, allow
12 Taiwan and the United States, including the sister-state of New
13 Jersey, to develop closer relations, and establishing a preclearance
14 program in Taiwan will further strengthen United States-Taiwan
15 relations through additional trade, tourism and business; and
16 **WHEREAS**, The Taiwan Relations Act has served as the cornerstone of
17 the United States-Taiwan relations and helped to preserve peace
18 and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and
19 **WHEREAS**, Peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial to the
20 maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pacific, and its importance has
21 been highlighted on a global level recently, including at events such
22 as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, United States-Japan, United
23 States-Korea, United States-European Union, the Group of Seven
24 (G7), and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) talks; and
25 **WHEREAS**, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in
26 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil
27 Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Criminal
28 Police Organization (INTERPOL), and it will continue to support
29 Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international
30 organizations; now, therefore,

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32 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
33 Jersey:

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35 1. This House commemorates the New Jersey-Taiwan sister
36 state relationship and recognizes the importance of a strong and
37 enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and
38 reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership
39 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan),
40 including the signing of the United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade
41 Agreement.

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43 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
44 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to
45 President Tsai-Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) through
46 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York, the
47 President of the United States, and the Secretary of State of the
48 United States.

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1 STATEMENT

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3 This Assembly Resolution recognizes the importance of a strong
4 and enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and it
5 reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership
6 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan).