

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 98**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Commemorates 45th anniversary of enactment of Taiwan Relations Act and 35th anniversary of New Jersey-Taiwan sister state relationship.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **A SENATE RESOLUTION** commemorating the 45th anniversary of  
2   the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 35th  
3   anniversary of the New Jersey-Taiwan sister state relationship.  
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5   **WHEREAS**, The United States and Taiwan are bonded by a shared  
6   commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free  
7   market economy; and  
8   **WHEREAS**, On April 10, 1979, the U.S. Congress passed the landmark  
9   Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) to sustain a close bilateral relationship  
10   and advance mutual security and commercial interests between the  
11   United States and Taiwan; and  
12   **WHEREAS**, The TRA has served as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan  
13   relations, preserving peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, which  
14   is crucial to the maintenance of a free, open, and secure Indo-  
15   Pacific region and has been recently highlighted in global summits  
16   such as the G7, NATO, and East Asian Summit; and  
17   **WHEREAS**, In 2023, a total of \$127.5 billion in bilateral trade occurred  
18   between the United States and Taiwan, making Taiwan the 7th  
19   largest trading partner of the United States, demonstrating the  
20   strong economic relationship, and the importance of a Bilateral  
21   Trade Agreement (BTA); and  
22   **WHEREAS**, The U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade was  
23   signed on June 1, 2023 to deepen and enhance the existing trade  
24   partnership and current trade flows as a means to promote  
25   innovation and inclusive economic growth for workers, as well as  
26   businesses; and  
27   **WHEREAS**, The United States has assisted Taiwan in furthering their  
28   global participation through international organizations, such as the  
29   World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation  
30   Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization, and  
31   the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and  
32   will continue to do so; and  
33   **WHEREAS**, In 1989, New Jersey and Taiwan entered a sister-state  
34   relationship and have enjoyed a close and prosperous affiliation as a  
35   result; and  
36   **WHEREAS**, In 2021, Newark, New Jersey established a sister-city  
37   agreement with Taoyuan City, Taiwan, demonstrating a continued  
38   interest in expanding the mutually beneficial cooperation and  
39   relationship; and  
40   **WHEREAS**, In 2023, New Jersey exported approximately \$723 million  
41   worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the State's 5th largest  
42   export market in Asia; and  
43   **WHEREAS**, In October 2023, Governor Murphy and the New Jersey  
44   delegation announced plans to open Choose New Jersey's New  
45   Jersey Asia Pacific Center in Taiwan, emphasizing the unique  
46   innovation ecosystems in which key industries thrive in both  
47   regions, and formalizing the partnership as an ideal match for  
48   economic growth; and

1 **WHEREAS**, In October 2023, Governor Murphy also witnessed several  
2 Memorandums of Understanding between Taiwan and multiple  
3 State executive agencies, such as the New Jersey Economic  
4 Development Authority, the New Jersey Board of Education, and  
5 the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, to establish  
6 powerful economic trade partnerships and bilateral educational  
7 infrastructure; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Over 200 Taiwanese companies have invested in New  
9 Jersey as of March 2024, leading to the creation of new jobs in the  
10 State; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey State Senate congratulates President Lai  
12 Ching-te and Vice President Hsiao Bi-kihm on their victory in  
13 Taiwan’s presidential election and the Taiwan people for  
14 demonstrating the strength of their democratic system and electoral  
15 process; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has served as an important international partner for  
17 the United States, as well as New Jersey, by the means of trade,  
18 innovative business opportunities, and cultural and educational  
19 empowerment for over 35 years; now, therefore,

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21 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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23 1. This House commemorates the 45th anniversary of the  
24 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 35th anniversary of  
25 the New Jersey-Taiwan sister state relationship. This House  
26 supports a closer economic, educational, and scientific partnership  
27 between the United States, the State of New Jersey, and Taiwan.

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29 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
30 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Director of  
31 the American Institute in Taiwan, and the Ambassador of the Taipei  
32 Economic and Cultural Representative Office in New York City.

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34 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 This resolution commemorates the 45th anniversary of the  
40 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act and the 35th anniversary of  
41 the New Jersey-Taiwan sister state relationship.

42 The Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) was passed by the United  
43 States. Congress on April 10, 1979 to sustain a close bilateral  
44 relationship and advance mutual security and commercial interests  
45 between the United States and Taiwan. Since its enactment, the  
46 TRA has served as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations,  
47 preserving peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, a part of the  
48 South China Sea that separates the island of Taiwan from the Asian

1 continent. The Taiwan Strait is crucial to the maintenance of a free,  
2 open, and secure Indo-Pacific region. Its importance has been  
3 recently highlighted in global summits such as the G7, NATO and  
4 East Asian Summit.

5 The TRA has served as the foundation for the mutually  
6 beneficial partnership between Taiwan and the United States. In  
7 2023, a total of \$127.5 billion in bilateral trade occurred between  
8 the United States and Taiwan, making Taiwan the 8th largest  
9 trading partner of the United States. In June 2023, the U.S.-Taiwan  
10 Initiative on 21st Century Trade was signed to enhance the existing  
11 trade partnership as a means to promote innovation and inclusive  
12 economic growth for workers, as well as businesses. The United  
13 States has also assisted Taiwan in furthering their global  
14 participation through international organizations, such as the World  
15 Health Organization and the United Nations Framework Convention  
16 on Climate Change.

17 In 1989, New Jersey and Taiwan entered a sister-state  
18 relationship, which remains a continuous and prosperous affiliation  
19 today. In 2021, the relationship was expanded by a sister-city  
20 agreement between Newark, New Jersey and Taoyuan City, Taiwan.  
21 In 2023, New Jersey exported approximately \$723 million worth of  
22 products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the State's 5th largest export  
23 market in Asia. In October 2023, Governor Murphy announced  
24 plans to open Choose New Jersey's New Jersey Asian-Pacific  
25 Center in Taiwan and witnessed numerous Memorandums of  
26 Understanding between State executive agencies and Taiwan to  
27 establish powerful economic trade partnerships and bilateral  
28 educational infrastructure. As of March 2024, over 200 Taiwanese  
29 companies have invested in New Jersey leading to the creation of  
30 new jobs in the State.