	JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FRIENDSHIP AND
	SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN
	2024 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Jerry W Stevenson
	House Sponsor: Candice B. Pierucci
LONG T	ITLE
General l	Description:
Tł	is resolution expresses support for the continued friendship between Utah and
Taiwan.	
Highlight	ted Provisions:
Tł	is resolution:
►	highlights the long-standing friendship between Utah and Taiwan;
►	supports a continuation of the Utah and Taiwan friendship;
•	supports deepening the religious, economic, educational, and cultural partnership
between U	Jtah and Taiwan; and
•	encourages global organizations to admit Taiwan into their membership.
Special C	lauses:
No	one
Be it reso	lved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
W	HEREAS, the state of Utah has developed a strong relationship with Taiwan based
on shared	values including a commitment to religious freedom, democracy, human rights, the
rule of lav	v, and a free market economy;
W	HEREAS, this relationship began in 1956 when the Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day	Saints, which is headquartered in Utah, dispatched the first four missionaries as a

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28	friendly exchange between the Taiwanese people and Utahns;
29	WHEREAS, by 2024, more than 43,000 Latter-day Saint missionaries have served in
30	Taiwan;
31	WHEREAS, in 1980, Utah and Taiwan established a formal sister-state relationship,
32	deepening the cultural exchanges between Utah and Taiwan;
33	WHEREAS, today, approximately 1,200 foreign-born Taiwanese people live and work
34	in Utah, lending their support to Utah communities;
35	WHEREAS, Taiwan is Utah's fifth-largest trading partner and sixth-largest export
36	destination, with Utah exporting more than \$650 million in goods to Taiwan in 2020, including
37	electronics, food, chemicals, and machinery;
38	WHEREAS, Taiwan is the first country to enter into the Driver License Reciprocity
39	Agreement with Utah;
40	WHEREAS, because of the Driver License Reciprocity Agreement, people with a
41	driver license from Utah can now drive when visiting Taiwan and people with a driver license
42	from Taiwan can drive when visiting Utah;
43	WHEREAS, the Driver License Reciprocity Agreement will benefit both Utah and
44	Taiwan, resulting in a stronger relationship, politically and economically, while increasing the
45	ease of foreign citizens doing business in Utah;
46	WHEREAS, during the 2020 General Session, the Legislature passed a law
47	incentivizing public universities to work with industry leaders, in creating multi-disciplinary
48	programs;
49	WHEREAS, these multi-disciplinary programs prepare the workforce for scientific
50	discoveries and engineering innovations;
51	WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in these programs mutually benefit the people of
52	Utah and Taiwan;
53	WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation and contributions in international organizations and
54	agreements such as the bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan, the
55	Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, the World Health Assembly, the
56	International Civil Aviation Organization, and other organizations greatly benefit Utahns and
57	all Americans; and
58	WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, a

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59	foundation upon which the United States and particularly Utah, has maintained and
60	strengthened its economic and cultural ties with Taiwan:
61	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
62	supports strengthening the existing friendship with Taiwan on religious, economic, and cultural
63	grounds.
64	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature emphasizes the importance of the
65	collaborative relationship between the United States, Utah, and Taiwan in the technology
66	sector, higher education, and elsewhere.
67	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages Utah's federal
68	delegation to continue strengthening Utah and the United States' relationship with Taiwan, and
69	continue supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations and
70	agreements.
71	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
72	congressional delegation and the Taipei Economic Cultural Office in San Francisco.