



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

WHEREAS, 2014 will mark the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8), codifying in law the basis for continued commercial, cultural, and other relations between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan);

WHEREAS, The Taiwan Relations Act has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Taiwan Strait since its enactment in 1979, and it is in the political, international and economic interests of the United States;

WHEREAS, When the Taiwan Relations Act was enacted, it affirmed that the United States' decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China was based on the expectation that the future of Taiwan would be determined by peaceful means;

WHEREAS, The Taiwan Relations Act states that it is the policy of the United States to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character to maintain the capacity to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people on Taiwan;

WHEREAS, The Taiwan Relations Act also states that "it is the policy of the United States to preserve and promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural and other relations between the people on Taiwan, as well as the people on the China mainland";

WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and Taiwan has been strengthened with—

- (1) Taiwan's evolution into a free society and a full-fledged, multi-party democracy; and
- (2) The development of Taiwan's robust free-market economy; and
- (3) Taiwan's determined effort and collaboration with the United States to combat global terrorism, as demonstrated in part by its participation in the Container Security Initiative and its generous contribution to the Pentagon Memorial Fund;
- (4) The leadership role Taiwan has demonstrated in addressing transnational and global challenges, including its active engagement in humanitarian relief measures, public health endeavors, environmental protection initiatives, and financial market stabilization efforts;
- (5) The U.S. is the third largest trading partner and the largest investor in Taiwan, while Taiwan is the eleventh largest trading partner of the U.S. and the sixth largest U.S. agricultural market;

WHEREAS, Taiwan's democracy has deepened with the second peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another after the presidential election in March 2008; and the U.S and Taiwan are united in our shared values in fair elections, personal liberty and free enterprise; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee reaffirms our unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act as the cornerstone of relations between the United States and Taiwan;

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee reaffirms our support for Taiwan's democratic institutions;

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee reaffirms that peace in the Taiwan Straits should be maintained to the benefit of the 23 million free people of Taiwan;

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee supports to uphold the U.S. commitment to Taiwan's security in accord with the Taiwan Relations Act and continue to sell sophisticated defensive weapons to Taiwan;

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee reaffirms to deepen U.S.-Taiwan trade and investment relations as well as support a U.S-Taiwan Bilateral Investment Agreement and Taiwan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership;

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee supports the strong and deepening relationship between the United States and Taiwan; and

RESOLVED, That upon the approval of this resolution, the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each Republican member of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress, as they become known, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

**As adopted by the Republican National Committee on January 24, 2014.*