

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.147

Senators Chang and Geiss offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to congratulate the government and people of the  
2       Republic of China (Taiwan) on the celebration of their 109th  
3       National Day on October 10, 2020.

4       Whereas, Relations between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and  
5       the United States are marked by strong bilateral trade, education,  
6       and cultural exchanges; and

7       Whereas, In 2018, Taiwan's bilateral trade totaled more than  
8       \$76 billion in exchanged goods, making the United States the  
9       thirteenth-largest trading partner of Taiwan, and Taiwan the  
10      fifteenth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

11      Whereas, Taiwan and the state of Michigan have long benefited  
12      from this relationship. Taiwan has been Michigan's sixth-largest

1 market in Asia and Michigan exports to Taiwan have amounted to  
2 \$298.59 million; and

3       Whereas, From 2013-2016, Michigan imports from Taiwan  
4 increased from \$705 million to \$867 million, a 23 percent increase,  
5 making the outlook for joint economic and cultural growth in the  
6 future bright; and

7       Whereas, Taiwan is capable of and willing to fulfill its  
8 responsibilities and collaborate with the world to deal with the  
9 challenges of humanitarian aids and disease control; and

10       Whereas, Taiwan's meaningful participation in international  
11 organizations benefits the international community as a whole,  
12 including the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

13       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
14 body congratulate the government and people of the Republic of  
15 China (Taiwan) on their 109th National Day on October 10, 2020; and  
16 be it further

17       Resolved, That we continue to support Taiwan's meaningful  
18 participation in international organizations that impact the  
19 health, safety, and well-being of its people, while also supporting  
20 its aspiration to make more contributions in international  
21 societies; and be it further

22       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
23 United States Secretary of State, the Taipei Economic and Cultural  
24 Office in Chicago, Illinois, and the members of the Michigan  
25 congressional delegation.