

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.147

Senator Chang 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.