

# House Resolution 108 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

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1 A Resolution honoring the enduring special relationship  
2 between the state of Iowa and Taiwan.

3 WHEREAS, in November 2021, the Iowa General Assembly  
4 established the Iowa Statehouse Taiwan Friendship  
5 Caucus with bipartisan support, becoming the fourth  
6 such caucus in midwestern states; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a vibrant democracy with a  
8 flourishing civil society grounded in respect for  
9 freedom, human rights, and the rule of law; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been one of Iowa's most  
11 important export markets in Asia, supporting the  
12 state's agricultural and manufacturing sectors through  
13 the Iowa International Center's Partner States  
14 Program; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2024, Taiwan and the state of Iowa  
16 signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Economic  
17 Cooperation and Trade Relations to strengthen bilateral  
18 cooperation and expand opportunities for trade,  
19 investment, and industry collaboration; and

20 WHEREAS, in November 2025, the Iowa Economic  
21 Development Authority assigned a trade representative  
22 to its Taiwan office to enhance Iowa's presence in Asia  
23 and deepen economic and investment ties; and

24 WHEREAS, during 2024, Taiwan was the United States'  
25 7th largest merchandise trading partner, 12th largest  
26 export market, and 8th largest source of imports; and

27 WHEREAS, between 2021 and 2024, the United States  
28 exported soybeans, corn, wheat, and beef to Taiwan

1 totaling \$8.46 billion, directly benefiting American  
2 farmers, including those in the state of Iowa; and

3 WHEREAS, President Lai Ching-te of Taiwan announced  
4 that businesses plan to increase purchases of these  
5 agricultural commodities to \$10 billion between 2025  
6 and 2028, an 18 percent increase, helping reduce the  
7 trade deficit of the United States and to mitigate  
8 risks from global trade disruptions; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan promotes the Strategic Three Chains:  
10 the Democratic Value Chain grounded in freedom, human  
11 rights, and rule of law, the Non-Red Supply Chain  
12 which reduces the dependence on authoritarian regimes,  
13 and the First Island Chain which links South Korea,  
14 Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines to support peace,  
15 prosperity, and security in the Indo-Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary  
17 of the founding of the United States and the 30th  
18 anniversary of Taiwan's first direct presidential  
19 election, milestones that highlight the shared values  
20 and longstanding partnership between the two nations  
21 in advancing liberty, democracy, prosperity, and  
22 peace; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
24 the House of Representatives reaffirms its commitment  
25 to strengthening and deepening ties between the state  
26 of Iowa and Taiwan; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House  
28 of Representatives supports Taiwan's meaningful  
29 participation in the international arena and condemns  
30 efforts to undermine the sovereign status of Taiwan

1 or international engagement through the distortion of  
2 United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
4 Representatives recognizes the significance of these  
5 historic milestones and reaffirms its strong support  
6 for continued peace, stability, and prosperity in the  
7 Taiwan Strait; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
9 Representatives supports the state of Iowa and Taiwan  
10 in continuing to deepen their bilateral partnership,  
11 strengthen economic and people-to-people ties, and  
12 advance shared democratic values in the years ahead.

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