



Republican National Committee

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN

WHEREAS, the Cold War years cemented the close friendship between the United States and Taiwan, with Taiwan as a strong anti-Communist ally in the Asia-Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has flourished to become a vibrant beacon of democracy in Asia and leading trade partner for the United States, and the relationship has endured for more than 65 years through many shifts in Asia's geopolitical landscape; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a light to the world, as a shining city on a hill that cannot be hid, and has earned the respect and support of the free world; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's successful path to democracy takes away the People's Republic of China's excuse that democracy is not suitable for the Chinese culture – a false idea used to deny human rights, free speech, and free elections to the people of mainland China; and

WHEREAS, Congress reaffirmed in 2016 that the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances are the cornerstones of United States–Taiwan relations (HCR88 and SCR38); and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's 1982 Six Assurances was added to the 2016 Republican National Platform (“Our relations will continue to be based upon the provisions of the Taiwan Relations Act, and we affirm the Six Assurances given to Taiwan in 1982 by President Reagan”); and

WHEREAS, item one of the Six Assurances states, “the United States would not set a date for termination of arms sales to Taiwan”; and

WHEREAS, item three of the Six Assurances states, “the United States would not consult with the People's Republic of China in advance before making decisions about United States arms sales to Taiwan”; and

WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act states that it is the policy of the United States to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character and 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT:

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RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee fully supports President Trump's arms sales to Taiwan for defending itself against external threats.

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