

**HON. LUIS BALONA**

**BELIZE**

**No. HR23/1/13**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

10:00 AM

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**S U P P L E M E N T A R Y ( 3 )**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**7. Presentation of Report from Select Committee.**

No. HR162/1/13 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Resolution to Support Democratic Taiwan Motion, 2023.

*(The Honourable Chairperson of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee)*

**14. Public Business.**

**A. Government Business**

**I MOTION** *(For Text of Motion see Notice Paper attached)*

1. Resolution to Support Democratic Taiwan Motion, 2023.

**(referred 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023)**

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment)*

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**NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

**MOTION**

**1. Resolution to Support Democratic Taiwan Motion, 2023.**

(referred 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

**WHEREAS**, the year 2023 marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Belize and the Republic of China (Taiwan);

**AND WHEREAS**, Belize and Taiwan enjoy a close relationship based on the common values of democracy, freedom, and human rights;

**AND WHEREAS**, throughout the 34 years of friendship and alliance, Belize and Taiwan have continuously supported and helped each other and closely cooperated in numerous areas, ranging from diplomatic affairs, infrastructure, medical and public health, agriculture, environmental resilience, information and communication technology, to culture and education;

**AND WHEREAS**, all bilateral cooperation projects between Belize and Taiwan, including road construction, motor vehicle registration and license system, breeding sheep and goat production, urban resilience and disaster prevention, medical imaging system, women empowerment, mandarin teaching and talent cultivation are currently proceeding smoothly;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Honourable John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize, and H.E. David Kuan-Chou Chien, former Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Belize, signed the Cooperation Agreement Regarding Construction of General Hospital for San Pedro Town, between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), on 11 January 2023, for the health and wellness of the Belizean people;

**AND WHEREAS**, Taiwan is a faithful ally and development partner to Belize, and the generosity and contribution Taiwan made to other countries has shown that Taiwan is an indispensable part of the global community, and Taiwan can play, and has played a critical role in the world;

**AND WHEREAS**, Taiwan shows great courage and resilience in safeguarding its democracy and freedom in the face of provocative military activities from the People's Republic of China (PRC), which pose a serious threat to global security;

**AND WHEREAS**, Belize continuously extends unwavering support to Taiwan in safeguarding its democracy and freedom, as well as the self-determination for Taiwanese people, when Taiwan faces the military, political and economic coercion and the hegemonic threats from the People's Republic of China (PRC);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House:

Conveys its sincere welcome to H.E. Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the delegation from Taiwan to visit Belize, to consolidate the diplomatic relations, partnership and friendship between the two countries;

Extends its commitment to the strong and healthy diplomatic bond between Belize and Taiwan and the close bilateral cooperation in multiple areas;

Reassure that the Governments of Belize and Taiwan will further deepen the diplomatic cooperation through the bilateral and multilateral channels of partnership, especially during Belize's Presidency Pro-Tempore (PPT) of Central American Integration System (SICA) as Taiwan is an important extra-regional partner of SICA;

Reaffirms to stand with the people and the Government of Taiwan in solidarity to secure Taiwan's democracy, freedom, human rights and self-determination, so as to maintain peace, stability and prosperity across the Taiwan Strait and in the region;

Calls on the international community to condemn any military threat, and other coercive actions that undermine Taiwan's sovereign integrity, democracy, freedom, human rights and self-determination; and

The House of Representatives expresses its full support of Taiwan's participation in ALL related international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to the office of the Prime Minister as a tangible token of the friendship expressed herein.

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

***(Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment)***

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