

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H. RES. 374
OFFERED BY MR. SALMON OF ARIZONA

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the Republic of Singapore became independent on August 9, 1965, and the United States recognized Singapore's statehood in the same year;

Whereas Singapore and the United States share founding principles, including belief in meritocracy, equality of opportunity, and a commitment to free and open markets; and established formal diplomatic relations in 1966;

Whereas Singapore, under the leadership of its founding father and first Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, became an early and continued supporter of the United States' engagement in Asia to safeguard the peace, stability, and prosperity of the region;

Whereas the United States and Singapore implemented the United States–Singapore Free Trade Agreement, the first bilateral trade agreement between the United States and an Asian country, in 2004;

Whereas Singapore and the United States have become major trading partners, with \$64 billion in bilateral goods and services trade in 2014 and a United States trade surplus in both goods and services, as well as more than \$154.4 billion in United States Foreign Direct Investment in Singapore and \$20 billion of Singaporean Foreign Direct Investment in the United States;

Whereas Singapore provided the United States access to its military facilities with a 1990 Memorandum of Understanding, supporting the continued security presence of the United States in Southeast Asia;

Whereas the United States and Singapore concluded a Strategic Framework Agreement in 2005 which recognized Singapore as a “Major Security Cooperation Partner” of the United States, and signed an enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement in 2015;

Whereas Singapore facilitates the rotational deployment of Littoral Combat Ships from the United States at Changi Naval Base, which helps the United States strengthen its presence in the region and deepen its engagement;

Whereas the United States currently hosts four Republic of Singapore Air Force training detachments, comprising the Republic of Singapore Air Force’s F-15SG and F-16 fighter jets, as well as Apache and Chinook helicopters, at bases in Arizona, Idaho, and Texas;

Whereas the United States–Singapore Third Country Training Program, established in 2012 and renewed in 2015, provides regional technical and capacity-building assistance in a wide variety of areas to assist recipient countries in reaching their development goals;

Whereas Singapore was a founding member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1967 and remains a key partner of the United States in ASEAN-led mechanisms such as the East Asia Summit, ASEAN Regional Forum, and the ASEAN Defense Ministers’ Meeting Plus;

Whereas Singapore has been a key member of the United States–Asia Pacific Comprehensive Energy Partnership,

established in 2012 to coordinate and enhance investment and cooperation on power generation, natural gas, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and interconnectivity throughout the ASEAN region;

Whereas Singapore has played a critical role in enhancing shared maritime domain awareness in Southeast Asia through the establishment of the Republic of Singapore Navy's Information Fusion Center, to facilitate information-sharing and collaboration with partners including the United States against maritime security threats and through the deployment of United States aircraft at Paya Lebar Air Base;

Whereas Singapore has been a cybersecurity leader in the ASEAN region, through the establishment of a unified Cyber Security Agency, being the convener of the annual ASEAN CERT Incident Drill, as the lead shepherd on cybercrime in the ASEAN region including through the ASEAN Cybercrime working group, and hosting of the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation;

Whereas Singapore joined the Proliferation Security Initiative in 2003, was the first Asian port to join the Container Security Initiative and, as a major transshipment point, is a key node in interdicting sanctioned materials transiting to or from nations pursuing rogue nuclear programs that have been subject to sanctions established by the United Nations Security Council;

Whereas the Singapore Armed Forces have supported reconstruction and stabilization efforts in Iraq from 2003 to 2008 and in Afghanistan from 2007 to 2013, and deployed to combat piracy in the Gulf of Aden since 2009;

Whereas Singapore was the first Southeast Asian country to join the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS in November 2014 and has contributed an air refueling tanker, imagery analysis teams, and planning and liaison officers;

Whereas Singapore has supported efforts to counter violent extremism, through the sharing of domestic practices, as well as participation in the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism in February 2015, and hosting the East Asia Summit Symposium on Religious Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration in April 2015; and

Whereas Singapore celebrated its 50 years of independence on August 9, 2015, and marks 50 years of bilateral relations with the United States on April 4, 2016: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

- 1 (1) reaffirms the strength of the close partner-
2 ship between the United States and Singapore over
3 the last 50 years, and urges continued and closer bi-
4 lateral economic, security, law enforcement, and peo-
5 ple-to-people cooperation between the United States
6 and Singapore over the next 50 years and beyond;
- 7 (2) encourages the United States and Singapore
8 to expand our joint efforts to build capacity across
9 the Asia-Pacific Region in areas such as sustainable

1 development, regional connectivity, and resilience
2 building;

3 (3) recognizes the achievements of the United
4 States–Singapore defense relationship, under the
5 ambit of the 2005 Strategic Framework Agreement
6 and 2015 enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement,
7 as well as the strength of the military-to-military re-
8 lationship between the Singapore Armed Forces and
9 the United States Armed Forces, underscored by co-
10 operation in international security operations, in-
11 cluding multinational reconstruction efforts and ef-
12 forts to counter-terrorism;

13 (4) urges deepening of United States–Singapore
14 strategic cooperation to address transnational and
15 global security threats through the effective strategic
16 partnership between the United States and Singa-
17 pore, and to explore further cooperation in areas of
18 mutual interest including cybersecurity and humani-
19 tarian assistance and disaster relief;

20 (5) underscores its commitment to the peaceful
21 and diplomatic resolution of regional disputes, in-
22 cluding in the South China Sea, as well as its com-
23 mitment to the right of all countries to freedom of
24 navigation, overflight, and lawful commerce con-
25 sistent with international law; and

1 (6) reiterates its broader commitment to a
2 peaceful and prosperous Asia supported by inclusive,
3 rules-based institutions, and urges the Administra-
4 tion to continue its work, in cooperation with Singa-
5 pore and other partners, to support key fora such as
6 the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, East Asia
7 Summit, ASEAN Regional Forum, and the ASEAN
8 Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus.

Amend the title so as to read: "A resolution re-affirming Singapore's close partnership with the United States, encompassing broad and robust economic, military-to-military, law enforcement, and counterterrorism cooperation, on the 50th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations."

