By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Braynon

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to pass H.R. 2918, the Taiwan Policy Act of 2011.

WHEREAS, H.R. 2918, the Taiwan Policy Act of 2011, was introduced on September 14, 2011, and is currently pending before the 112th Congress, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2918 seeks to encourage and strengthen the commercial, cultural, and other interests between the people of the United States and Taiwan, as set forth in the Taiwan Relations Act which was enacted in 1979 (Public Law 96-8; 22 U.S.C. ss. 3301 et seq.) and which has served for 33 years as the foundation of United States-Taiwan relations, and

WHEREAS, we are reminded that the Taiwan Relations Act has functioned to ensure peace and stability in the Western Pacific and that it continues to be a priority of the United States to maintain that international stability, and

WHEREAS, this nation must be vigilant to encourage the secure future of Taiwan and must do all that is within our ability to encourage the military self-defense capabilities of Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, economically, Taiwan is the ninth largest trading partner with the United States and that trade translated into approximately \$57 billion in 2010, and

WHEREAS, both nations realize that it is in the best economic interests of the United States and in the national security interests of Taiwan that these two nations continue to cultivate the intricate ties between them, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass H.R. 2918, the "Taiwan Policy Act of 2011," in recognition that the passage of the act is a necessary step toward nurturing and maintaining the diverse interests that bind the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan.

38 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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