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House Resolution

A resolution in appreciation of the sister state relationship between the State of Florida and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

WHEREAS, Florida maintains and values its sister state relationship with the Republic of China (Taiwan), and

8 WHEREAS, April 10, 2012, marks the 33rd anniversary of the 9 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, codifying in law the 10 basis for continued commercial and cultural relations between 11 the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan), and

12 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) is important to the 13 interests of Florida as a business partner in East Asia, and

WHEREAS, the cultural and educational cooperation between Florida and the Republic of China (Taiwan) is growing rapidly, particularly with the newly established "Taiwan Academy," which has been accepted by Florida universities as a platform for sinological studies and research, and

WHEREAS, to strengthen bilateral academic opportunities between Florida and the Republic of China (Taiwan), the annual Florida-Taiwan Higher Education Conference enhances cultural interchange through faculty and student exchanges, joint research collaboration, and academic interaction, and

24 WHEREAS, the Foundation for International Cooperation in 25 Higher Education of Taiwan and the Board of Governors of the 26 State University System of Florida recently signed an agreement 27 to strengthen education and learning opportunities, as well as

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HR 9033 2012 28 academic publication endeavors, between Florida and the Republic 29 of China (Taiwan), NOW, THEREFORE, 30 31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: 32 33 34 That the members of the House of Representatives express 35 their appreciation of the sister state relationship between the 36 State of Florida and the Republic of China (Taiwan), especially 37 with the recent strengthening of academic relationships between 38 the two. 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be 40 presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami and the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida as a 41

tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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