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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution expressing appreciation for the sister  
3 state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural  
4 ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan,  
5 officially known as the Republic of China.  
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7 WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan successfully elected their  
8 first female president, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, on January 16, 2016,  
9 by popular vote, further enhancing the roots of democracy within  
10 the island and strengthening the common values it shares with  
11 the United States, and

12 WHEREAS, April 10, 2016, marks the 37th anniversary of the  
13 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which codified in law the  
14 basis for continued commercial and cultural relations between  
15 the United States and Taiwan, officially known as the Republic  
16 of China, and

17 WHEREAS, former President Ma Ying-jeou's East China Sea  
18 Peace Initiative and South China Sea Peace Initiative, as well  
19 as their codes of conduct which recognize the conflicting  
20 territorial viewpoints of the interested parties, call on all  
21 parties concerned to resolve their regional disputes peacefully  
22 and share resources in accordance with international law, which  
23 is consistent with the security and economic interests of the  
24 United States in East and Southeast Asia, and

25 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Taiwan's meaningful  
26 participation in international organizations, including its bid

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27 | for observer status in the International Criminal Police  
28 | Organization (INTERPOL), noting that Taiwan participates in,  
29 | observes, or cooperates with over 50 international  
30 | organizations, specifically its recent active participation in  
31 | the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
32 | Assembly, as well as holding membership status in both the Asia-  
33 | Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the World Trade  
34 | Organization (WTO), and

35 |       WHEREAS, Florida maintains and values its sister state  
36 | relationship with Taiwan, and

37 |       WHEREAS, Taiwan is Florida's sixth largest export market in  
38 | Asia, one of Miami's largest trading partners in Asia, and the  
39 | Port of Miami's sixth largest export country, and

40 |       WHEREAS, in addition to the sister state relations that  
41 | exist between the State of Florida and Taiwan, sister city  
42 | relations are maintained between Miami-Dade County and New  
43 | Taipei City (formerly Taipei County) and the Port of Miami and  
44 | Port Kaohsiung, NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
47 | Florida:

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49 |       That the House of Representatives expresses its  
50 | appreciation for the sister state relationship between Florida  
51 | and Taiwan.

52 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

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53 | presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami  
54 | and the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida as a  
55 | tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.