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House Resolution

A resolution expressing appreciation for the sister state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan, officially known as the Republic of China.

WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan successfully elected their first female president, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, on January 16, 2016, by popular vote, further enhancing the roots of democracy within the island and strengthening the common values it shares with the United States, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Taiwan's meaningful 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.