

By Senator Flores

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the relationship and shared interests between the people of Taiwan and the United States.

WHEREAS, Florida maintains and values its relationship with Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, April 10, 2013, marked the 34th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which encourages continued commercial and cultural relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, support for Taiwan's continued economic growth and prosperity is important to the interests of the United States, particularly since Taiwan was the eleventh largest two-way trade partner of the United States and the seventh largest export market for United States food and agricultural products in 2012 and is currently the sixth largest source of international students traveling to the United States, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the allies of the United States in the Western Pacific region, and Governor Rick Scott has encouraged President Barack Obama to provide defensive weaponry, such as F-16 C/D aircraft, to Taiwan, which will create job opportunities in this state and help Taiwan maintain its defense capabilities in the region, and

WHEREAS, the campaign of the East China Sea Peace Initiative proposed by President Ma Ying-jeou of Taiwan, which recognizes the conflicting territorial viewpoints of the interested parties, calls on all parties concerned to resolve their regional disputes peacefully based on the United Nations

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30 Charter and relevant provisions of international law, which is
31 consistent with the security and economic interests of the
32 United States in East Asia, and

33 WHEREAS, the Legislature encourages and supports Taiwan's
34 meaningful participation in international organizations, noting
35 that Taiwan participates in, observes, or cooperates with over
36 50 international organizations and is a member of both the Asia-
37 Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and the World Trade
38 Organization, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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42 That we recognize the relationship and shared interests
43 between the people of Taiwan and the United States.