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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution supporting the right of the people of Taiwan to participate in United Nations and World Health Organization affairs and to decide their own future.

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida enjoy a good relationship of economic cooperation and cultural exchange with the people of Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a democratic country with an economy complementary to that of the United States and a peace-loving culture that shares our cherished values of freedom and human rights, and

WHEREAS, the exclusion of Taiwan from the United Nations and its specialized agencies, such as the World Health Organization, has not only weakened the foundation of peace and security in East Asia, but has also hampered the cross-border precautionary mechanism against infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, entrovirus, Denge fever, and SARS, and

WHEREAS, an isolated Taiwan is not in the interest of our goals of promoting peace, democracy, and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region, and

WHEREAS, a threatened Taiwan will not frighten the Taiwanese people into giving up their pursuit of freedom, equality, and dignity, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Florida Senate are seriously concerned about our mutual interests with Taiwan, our important trading partner, good friend, and long-standing ally, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That the members of this body join unanimously to urge
4 the United Nations and the World Health Organization to
5 facilitate Taiwan's participation and contribution.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body
7 join unanimously in support of a free and democratic Taiwan.

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