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Senate Resolution

A resolution in support of friendship and trade
with Taiwan.

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years a close relationship
has existed between the United States and Taiwan, which has
been of enormous economic and cultural advantage to both
countries, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has demonstrated a commitment to
democratic ideals of freedom of speech, freedom of the press,
and free and fair elections routinely held in a multiparty
system, as evidenced by the March 18, 2000, election of Chen
Shui-bian as Taiwan's new president, and

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

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2002, Taiwan was officially
admitted into the World Trade Organization under the name of
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
(TPKM), and this will reduce Taiwanese tariffs and open market
access to foreign investment, and

WHEREAS, the United States is Taiwan's largest trading
partner and Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner, the
tenth largest export market, and the fifth largest
agricultural export market for the United States, and

WHEREAS, the International Trade Commission (ITC)
reports that a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Taiwan and
the United States would help to increase United States exports
to Taiwan by up to an estimated 16 percent (worth \$3.4 billion
in United States currency) and total economic trade between

1 | the United States and Taiwan by up to \$10.4 billion in United
2 | States dollars, and

3 | WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida derive
4 | great benefit from our relationship of economic cooperation
5 | and cultural exchange with the people of Taiwan, as evidenced
6 | by the establishment of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
7 | Office in Florida and the State of Florida Taipei Office in
8 | Taiwan, and

9 | WHEREAS, Florida's exports to Taiwan in 2005 were
10 | approximately \$56.5 million, a 10.5-percent increase over
11 | exports in 2004, and

12 | WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health
13 | Organization would promote its ability to adequately safeguard
14 | its population against infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS,
15 | Dengue Fever, and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS),
16 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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18 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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20 | That the members of the Senate support the negotiation
21 | of a Free Trade Agreement between the United States and
22 | Taiwan.

23 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Senate
24 | support Taiwan's efforts to be accepted as an observer at the
25 | World Health Assembly and the Health Network of the World
26 | Health Organization.

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