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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to pass House Resolution 2918, the
Taiwan Policy Act of 2011.

WHEREAS, House Resolution 2918, the Taiwan Policy Act of
2011, was introduced on September 14, 2011, and is currently
pending before the 112th Congress, and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 2918 seeks to encourage and
strengthen the commercial, cultural, and other interests between
the people of the United States and Taiwan, as set forth in the
Taiwan Relations Act which was enacted in 1979 (Public Law 96-8;
22 U.S.C. ss. 3301 et seq.) and which has served for 33 years as
the foundation of United States-Taiwan relations, and

WHEREAS, we are reminded that the Taiwan Relations Act has
functioned to ensure peace and stability in the Western Pacific
and that it continues to be a priority of the United States to
maintain that international stability, and

WHEREAS, this nation must be vigilant to encourage the
secure future of Taiwan and must do all that is within our
ability to encourage the military self-defense capabilities of
Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, economically, Taiwan is the ninth largest trading
partner with the United States and that trade translated into
approximately \$57 billion in 2010, and

WHEREAS, both nations realize that it is in the best
economic interests of the United States and in the national
security interests of Taiwan that these two nations continue to
cultivate the intricate ties between them, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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33 That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass
34 House Resolution 2918, the "Taiwan Policy Act of 2011," in
35 recognition that the passage of the act is a necessary step
36 toward nurturing and maintaining the diverse interests that bind
37 the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
39 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
40 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
41 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
42 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.