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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution in appreciation of the sister state  
3 relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties  
4 between the State of Florida and the Republic of China  
5 (Taiwan), reaffirming the commitment of the State of  
6 Florida to the strong and deepening relationship with  
7 the Republic of China (Taiwan) as the two embrace the  
8 same fundamental values of freedom, democracy, and the  
9 protection of human rights.

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11 WHEREAS, April 10, 2015, marks the 36th anniversary of the  
12 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which maintains peace,  
13 security, and stability in the Western Pacific and promotes the  
14 foreign policy of the United States by authorizing the  
15 continuation of commercial and cultural relations between the  
16 people of the United States and the people of the Republic of  
17 China (Taiwan), and

18 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) is one of the  
19 United States' allies in the East Asian region, and the United  
20 States continues to provide defensive weaponry, including  
21 advanced fighter aircraft, to the Republic of China (Taiwan),  
22 thus creating job opportunities in this state and helping the  
23 Republic of China (Taiwan) maintain its defense capabilities in  
24 the East Asian region, and

25 WHEREAS, President Ma Ying-jeou's East China Sea Peace  
26 Initiative, which recognizes the conflicting territorial

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27 | viewpoints of regional parties and calls on them to peacefully  
28 | resolve geographic disputes in order to share resources in  
29 | accordance with international law, is consistent with the  
30 | security and economic interests of the United States in East  
31 | Asia, and

32 |       WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) participates in  
33 | over 60 international organizations, including the International  
34 | Civil Aviation Organization assembly, the Asia-Pacific Economic  
35 | Cooperation forum, the World Trade Organization, and the World  
36 | Health Assembly, and is bidding for attendance in the United  
37 | Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and

38 |       WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) seeks to join  
39 | international organizations and forums, including the Trans-  
40 | Pacific Partnership and the Regional Comprehensive Economic  
41 | Partnership, which will further expand its participation in the  
42 | global market, increase equal competition with member states,  
43 | and prevent economic marginalization, and

44 |       WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) was the 10th  
45 | largest two-way trade partner of the United States and the 7th  
46 | largest export market for United States food and agricultural  
47 | products in 2014, and was the 6th largest source of  
48 | international students traveling to the United States in 2013,  
49 | and

50 |       WHEREAS, support for continued bilateral talks under the  
51 | Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, with efforts toward  
52 | establishing a Bilateral Investment Agreement with the United

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53 States, will globalize the Republic of China's (Taiwan's)  
54 economy and eliminate trade barriers, thus solidifying the  
55 Republic of China (Taiwan) as a robust and trustworthy partner  
56 to the United States in the East Asian region, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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58 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
59 Florida:

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61 That the members of the House of Representatives recognize  
62 the relationship and shared interests between the people of the  
63 Republic of China (Taiwan) and the people of the United States,  
64 support the shared interests and bids for partnership, and  
65 express their support for future opportunities of international  
66 trade developments with the Republic of China (Taiwan) to  
67 further strengthen the substantive relationship between Florida  
68 and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
70 presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami  
71 and the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida as a  
72 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.