

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution expressing appreciation for the sister state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan.

WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan, officially known as the Republic of China, successfully elected their first female president, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, on January 16, 2016, by popular vote, further enhancing the roots of democracy within the island and strengthening the common values it shares with the United States, and

WHEREAS, April 10, 2017, marks the 38th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which codified in law the basis for continued commercial and cultural relations between the United States and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, former President Ma Ying-jeou's East China Sea Peace Initiative and South China Sea Peace Initiative, and their respective codes of conduct, recognize the conflicting territorial viewpoints of the interested parties and call on all concerned parties to resolve their regional disputes peacefully and share resources in accordance with international law, and

WHEREAS, these initiatives are consistent with the security and economic interests of the United States in East and Southeast Asia, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, including its bid for observer status in the International Criminal Police Organization, known as INTERPOL, is significant, as is its participation in or cooperation with more than 50 international organizations, including its recent

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30 active participation in the triennial International Civil  
31 Aviation Organization Assembly and its membership status in both  
32 the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the World Trade  
33 Organization, and

34 WHEREAS, the State of Florida maintains and values its  
35 sister state relationship with Taiwan, which is Florida's sixth  
36 largest export market in Asia, one of Miami's largest trading  
37 partners in Asia, and PortMiami's sixth largest export country,  
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39 WHEREAS, in addition to the sister state relationship that  
40 exists between the State of Florida and Taiwan, sister city  
41 relationships are maintained between Miami-Dade County and New  
42 Taipei City, formerly Taipei County, and between PortMiami and  
43 Port Kaohsiung, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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47 That the Florida Senate expresses its appreciation for the  
48 sister state relationship between the State of Florida and  
49 Taiwan.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
51 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Taipei  
52 Economic and Cultural Office in Miami and the Executive Office  
53 of the Governor as a tangible token of the sentiments of the  
54 Florida Senate.