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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution expressing appreciation for the sister
3 state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural
4 ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan,
5 officially known as the Republic of China.
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7 WHEREAS, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, the people of Taiwan's first
8 female president, was welcomed in Miami on June 24, 2016,
9 further enhancing the bilateral relationship between Taiwan and
10 Florida, as well as strengthening the common values it shares
11 with the United States, and

12 WHEREAS, April 10, 2017, marks the 38th anniversary of the
13 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which codified in law the
14 basis for continued commercial and cultural relations between
15 the United States and Taiwan, officially known as the Republic
16 of China, and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been a member of the United States Visa
18 Waiver Program since November 1, 2012, reflecting the
19 cooperation between the United States and Taiwan and making
20 travel for business and tourism between the two more convenient,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the United States' strongest
23 allies in East Asia, and

24 WHEREAS, Taiwan participates in international
25 organizations, including its bid for observer status in the

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26 International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and its
27 observance participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA),
28 noting that Taiwan participates in, observes, or cooperates with
29 many international organizations, specifically its recent active
30 participation in the triennial International Civil Aviation
31 Organization (ICAO) Assembly, as well as holding membership
32 status in both the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and
33 the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its involvement with the
34 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Florida maintains and values its sister state
37 relationship with Taiwan, and

38 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' tenth largest trading
39 partner and Florida's sixth largest export market in Asia, and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to the sister state relations that
41 exist between the State of Florida and Taiwan, sister city
42 relations are maintained between Miami-Dade County and New
43 Taipei City (formerly Taipei County), the Port of Miami and Port
44 Kaohsiung, Orlando and Tainan City, and Fort Lauderdale, the
45 City of Miami, and Pensacola and Kaohsiung City, NOW, THEREFORE,

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47 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
48 Florida:

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50 That the House of Representatives expresses its
51 appreciation for the sister state relationship between Florida
52 and Taiwan.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
54 presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami
55 and the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida as a
56 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.