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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.
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6 WHEREAS, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, the people of Taiwan's first
7 female president, was welcomed in Miami on June 24, 2016,
8 further enhancing the bilateral relationship between Taiwan and
9 Florida, as well as strengthening the common values it shares
10 with the United States, and

11 WHEREAS, April 10, 2018, marks the 39th anniversary of the
12 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which codified in law the
13 basis for continued commercial and cultural relations between
14 the United States and Taiwan, officially known as the Republic
15 of China, and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been a member of the United States Visa
17 Waiver Program since November 1, 2012, and Taiwan passport
18 holders are eligible to participate in the United States' Global
19 Entry Program as of November 1, 2017, becoming the third
20 location in East Asia and the 12th worldwide to hold this
21 privilege, reflecting the cooperation between the United States
22 and Taiwan and making travel for business and tourism between
23 the two more convenient, and

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

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26 WHEREAS, Taiwan participates in international
27 organizations, including its bid for observer status in the
28 International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), its
29 involvement with the World Health Organization (WHO), the
30 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United
31 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and its
32 membership status in both the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
33 (APEC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), and

34 WHEREAS, Florida maintains and values its sister state
35 relationship with Taiwan, and

36 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' tenth largest trading
37 partner and Florida's seventh largest export market in Asia, and

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

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45 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
46 Florida:

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

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