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2019

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 first female president of
7 the Republic of China (Taiwan), was welcomed in Miami on June
8 24, 2016, further enhancing the bilateral relationship between
9 Taiwan and Florida, as well as strengthening the common values
10 it shares with the United States, and

11 WHEREAS, April 10, 2019, marks the 40th 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 people of the United States and Taiwan, and

15 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a strong ally to the United States in
16 East Asia, and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan participates in international
18 organizations, including its bid for observer status in the
19 International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), its
20 involvement with the World Health Assembly (WHA), the
21 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United
22 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and its
23 membership status in both the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
24 (APEC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), and, in total,

25 | participates, observes, and cooperates with over 50
 26 | international organizations, and

27 | WHEREAS, Taiwan has been a member of the United States Visa
 28 | Waiver Program since November 1, 2012, reflecting the
 29 | cooperation between the United States and Taiwan and making two-
 30 | way travel for business and tourism more convenient, and

31 | WHEREAS, Taiwan's contributions in the global market of
 32 | both traditional and innovative industries and participation in
 33 | the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) has
 34 | solidified Taiwan as a robust partner to the United States for
 35 | trade and security in East Asia, and

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

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

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

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

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