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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, April 10, 2021, marks the 42nd anniversary of the  
7 enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which codified in law the  
8 basis for continued commercial and cultural relations between  
9 the people of the United States and Taiwan, and

10 WHEREAS, since November 1, 2012, Taiwan has been a member  
11 of the United States Visa Waiver Program (VWP), which makes two-  
12 way travel for business and tourism more convenient, reflecting  
13 the cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, and

14 WHEREAS, the launch of FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 on June 25,  
15 2019, a joint United States-Taiwan collaborative space mission  
16 of a constellation of six satellites designed to enhance the  
17 accuracy of atmospheric weather prediction, has demonstrated the  
18 mutual benefit born of the relations between this country and  
19 Taiwan, and

20 WHEREAS, the first female president of Taiwan, elected in  
21 2016 and reelected for a second term on January 11, 2020, Dr.  
22 Tsai Ing-wen was welcomed to the State of Florida in June of  
23 2016, as were Speaker of Tainan City Council Kuo Hsin-liang and  
24 his delegation in February of 2020, further enhancing the  
25 bilateral relationship between Taiwan and this state, as well as

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26 | strengthening the common values Taiwan shares with this country,  
27 | and

28 |         WHEREAS, Taiwan participates in international  
29 | organizations, including its bid for observer status in the  
30 | International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); its  
31 | involvement with the World Health Assembly (WHA), the  
32 | International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United  
33 | Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and its  
34 | membership status in both the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation  
35 | (APEC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), and participates,  
36 | observes, and cooperates with over 50 international  
37 | organizations in total, and

38 |         WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth largest trading  
39 | partner as of November 2020 and the State of Florida's sixth  
40 | largest trading partner in Asia, and

41 |         WHEREAS, several sisterhood relations exist between the  
42 | State of Florida and Taiwan, including the sister relationships  
43 | between Miami-Dade County and New Taipei City, formerly Taipei  
44 | County; the Port of Miami and the Port of Kaohsiung; the City of  
45 | Orlando and Tainan City; the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City  
46 | of Miami, and the City of Pensacola and Kaohsiung City; and the  
47 | City of Sunny Isles Beach and Hengchun Township, and

48 |         WHEREAS, to assist the State of Florida in its fight  
49 | against the virus causing COVID-19, Taiwan has donated to the  
50 | state and its local governments over 420,000 medical masks,

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51 | demonstrating Taiwan's commitment to helping its international  
52 | partners in need, NOW, THEREFORE,

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54 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
55 | Florida:

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57 |         That the House of Representatives expresses its  
58 | appreciation for the sister state relationship between Florida  
59 | and Taiwan.

60 |         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
61 | transmitted to President Tsai Ing-wen through the Taipei  
62 | Economic and Cultural Office in Miami and to the Executive  
63 | Office of the Governor as a tangible token of the sentiments  
64 | expressed herein.