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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, 2022, marks the 43rd 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' eighth largest  
39 | trading partner as of November 2021 and the State of Florida's  
40 | sixth largest trading partner in Asia, and

41 |       WHEREAS, the economic bonds between the United States and  
42 | Taiwan have continued to grow over the years, and

43 |       WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th anniversary of the  
44 | enactment of the sister state relationship shared between the  
45 | State of Florida and Taiwan, and

46 |       WHEREAS, several sister city relations exist between  
47 | Florida and Taiwan, such as the relations between Miami-Dade  
48 | County and New Taipei City, formerly Taipei County; the Port of  
49 | Miami and the Port of Kaohsiung; the City of Orlando and Tainan  
50 | City; the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City of Miami, and the

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51 City of Pensacola and Kaohsiung City; the City of Sunny Isles  
 52 Beach and Hengchun Township; the City of Doral and Xizhi  
 53 District of New Taipei City; the City of Kissimmee and Hualien  
 54 City and Miaoli City; the City of North Miami Beach and Pingzhen  
 55 District of Taoyuan City; and the City of Tavares and Xindian  
 56 District of New Taipei City, and

57 WHEREAS, to assist the State of Florida in its fight  
 58 against the virus causing COVID-19, Taiwan has donated to the  
 59 state and its local governments over 420,000 medical masks,  
 60 demonstrating Taiwan's commitment to helping its international  
 61 partners in need, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 63 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 64 Florida:

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 66 That the House of Representatives expresses its  
 67 appreciation for the sister state relationship between the State  
 68 of Florida and Taiwan.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
 70 transmitted to President Tsai Ing-wen through the Taipei  
 71 Economic and Cultural Office in Miami and to the Executive  
 72 Office of the Governor as a tangible token of the sentiments  
 73 expressed herein.