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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, 2024, marks the 45th 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, the conclusion of Taiwan's 8th presidential
11 election on January 13, 2024, which represented a significant
12 accomplishment of Taiwan's democracy, and was promptly
13 congratulated and commented upon by the United States Department
14 of State and the Speaker of the United States House of
15 Representatives, and

16 WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan elected Mr. Lai Ching-te and
17 Ms. Hsiao Bi-khim as the next president and vice president,
18 strengthening the common values that Taiwan shares with the
19 United States, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2023, the vice president-elect of Taiwan, Ms.
21 Hsiao Bi-khim, visited Florida as Taiwan's senior diplomat to
22 the United States, further enhancing the bilateral relationship
23 between Taiwan and Florida, and

24 WHEREAS, since November 1, 2012, Taiwan has been a member
25 of the United States Visa Waiver Program, which makes two-way

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26 | travel for business and tourism more convenient, reflecting the
27 | cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, and

28 | WHEREAS, the launch of FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 on June 25,
29 | 2019, a joint United States-Taiwan collaborative space mission
30 | of a constellation of six satellites designed to enhance the
31 | accuracy of atmospheric weather prediction, has demonstrated the
32 | mutual benefit born of the relations between this country and
33 | Taiwan, and

34 | WHEREAS, Taiwan participates in international
35 | organizations, including the United Nations Framework Convention
36 | on Climate Change, holds membership status in both the Asia-
37 | Pacific Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization,
38 | and participates, observes, and cooperates with more than 50
39 | international organizations, and

40 | WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' 9th largest trading
41 | partner, as well as Florida's 4th largest bilateral merchandise
42 | trading partner in the Asia-Pacific region, and

43 | WHEREAS, this year marks the 32nd anniversary of the
44 | enactment of the sister state relationship shared between
45 | Florida and Taiwan, and

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

51 City of Sunny Isles Beach and Hengchun; the City of Doral and
 52 the Xizhi District of New Taipei City; the City of Kissimmee and
 53 Miaoli City; the City of North Miami Beach and Ping Jenn; and
 54 the City of Tavares and Xindian, and

55 WHEREAS, the economic bonds between the United States and
 56 Taiwan continue to flourish, including in the signing of the
 57 United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First
 58 Agreement Implementation Act in August 2023, to strengthen the
 59 significant trade relationship between the two countries, NOW,
 60 THEREFORE,

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

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

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