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House Resolution

A resolution expressing appreciation for the sister-state relationship and bilateral economic and cultural ties between the State of Florida and Taiwan.

WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act was signed in 1979, which codified into law the basis for continuous commercial and cultural relations between the people of the United States and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, the new administration of Taiwan began promoting integrated diplomacy as proposed by President Lai Ching-te, which demonstrates that Taiwan is a pivotal force for stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton tore through Florida in September and October 2024, respectively, impacting vast areas and causing casualties and damage, the Government of Taiwan donated \$300,000 through the Taipei Economic and Culture Office in Miami to the Florida Disaster Fund, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' seventh largest trading partner, as well as Florida's fourth largest bilateral merchandise trading partner in the Asia-Pacific region, and

WHEREAS, the economy of Taiwan benefited by the rising global demand for high-performance computing and artificial

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intelligence and reached a growth rate higher than 4 percent in 2024, and

WHEREAS, a Florida high-tech delegation led by SelectFlorida visited Taiwan in May 2024 to explore the feasibility of Taiwan-Florida semiconductor industry cooperation, successfully establishing a further connection between Taiwan and Florida, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and Florida signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Economic and Trade Cooperation on January 9, 2025, embodying the determination by both countries to advance toward a stronger partnership on mutual trade, industry, and investment activities, and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, the Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce of North America held its annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale, which was attended by more than 500 global delegates, indicating that Florida's role as a hub for trade and investment in the Western Hemisphere has been widely recognized, and

WHEREAS, since November 1, 2012, Taiwan has been a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program, which enhances the convenience of two-way travel for business and tourism, reflecting the cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, and

WHEREAS, the launch of FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 on June 25, 2019, a joint United States-Taiwan collaborative space mission

50 | of a constellation of six satellites designed to enhance the
51 | accuracy of atmospheric weather prediction, has demonstrated the
52 | mutual benefit born from the relations between Florida and
53 | Taiwan, and

54 | WHEREAS, Taiwan actively participates in international
55 | organizations, including the World Health Assembly, the United
56 | Nations, the International Criminal Police Organization, and the
57 | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, while
58 | also maintaining its membership status in both the Asia-Pacific
59 | Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization, and
60 | participating, observing, and cooperating with more than 50
61 | additional international organizations, and

62 | WHEREAS, the economic bonds between the United States and
63 | Taiwan continue to flourish, which were embodied in the signing
64 | of the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade
65 | First Agreement Implementation Act in August 2023, in the
66 | extension of the Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue
67 | Memorandum of Understanding for an additional 5 years, in
68 | Taiwan's inclusion in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, and
69 | in the negotiation of the United States-Taiwan Agreement of
70 | Avoidance of Double Taxation, and

71 | WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and
72 | Cultural Office in Miami 1988, Taiwan has developed multiple
73 | sister-city relationships in the state, and is proud to have a

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74 33-year-long sister-state relationship between the State of
75 Florida and Taiwan, NOW, THEREFORE,

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77 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
78 Florida:

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80 That the House of Representatives expresses its
81 appreciation for the sister-state relationship between the State
82 of Florida and Taiwan.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
84 presented to President Lai Ching-te through the Taipei Economic
85 and Cultural Office in Miami and to the Executive Office of the
86 Governor as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.