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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 administration of Taiwan continues with its integrated diplomacy proposed by Foreign Minister Lin Chia-Lung, demonstrating that Taiwan works to safeguard freedom and diplomacy, and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' fifth-largest merchandise trading partner as well as this state's ninth-largest bilateral merchandise trading partner in the Asia-Pacific region, and exceeded a GDP growth rate of 7 percent in 2025, and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, the Beef Working Group of the 2025 Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission visited Florida to understand the advantage of this state's cattle industry, which underscored Taiwan's commitment to strengthen beef trade with this state, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Leadership Mission to Asia, approved by Governor Ron DeSantis and consisting of a delegation from

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26 | this state led by Secretary of State Cord Byrd and Secretary of
27 | Commerce J. Alex Kelly, met with the Taiwan Ministry of Economic
28 | Affairs in October 2025 to expand strategic cooperation and
29 | advance collaboration in critical sectors between Taiwan and
30 | this state, and

31 | WHEREAS, since November 1, 2012, Taiwan has been a member
32 | of the United States Visa Waiver Program, which enhances the
33 | conveniences of two-way travel for business and tourism,
34 | reflecting the cooperation between the United States and Taiwan,
35 | and

36 | WHEREAS, the launch of FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 on June 25,
37 | 2019, a joint United States-Taiwan collaborative space mission
38 | of a constellation of six satellites designed to enhance
39 | atmospheric weather prediction, has demonstrated the mutual
40 | benefit born from relations between this state and Taiwan, and

41 | WHEREAS, Taiwan actively participates in 45
42 | intergovernmental organizations, including the Asia-Pacific
43 | Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization, and is an
44 | observer or holds other statuses in 30 IGOs and their subsidiary
45 | bodies, and

46 | WHEREAS, the economic bonds between the United States and
47 | Taiwan, which were embodied in the signing of the United States-
48 | Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement
49 | Implementation Act in August 2023, continue to flourish in the
50 | extensions of the Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue

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51 Memorandum of Understanding for an additional 5 years and in the
52 negotiation of the United States-Taiwan Agreement of Avoidance
53 of Double Taxation, and

54 WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and
55 Cultural Office in Miami-Dade County in 1988, a 34-year-long
56 relationship between this state and Taiwan has developed, NOW,
57 THEREFORE,

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59 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
60 Florida:

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62 That the House of Representatives expresses its
63 appreciation for the sister-state relationship between the State
64 of Florida and Taiwan.