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3 By Senator Orr  
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8           RECOGNIZING AND HONORING JEAN-YIH (PETER) CHIOU,  
9 DIRECTOR OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN  
10 ATLANTA, FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CREATING A  
11 CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.  
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13           WHEREAS, a Taiwanese Diplomat, Jean-yih (Peter)  
14 Chiou, was assigned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the  
15 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta in the United  
16 States in 2011, with a desire to create a closer relationship  
17 between Taiwan and the State of Alabama; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Chiou coordinated the Ministry of  
19 Foreign Affairs' donation of 50 thousand US dollars to the  
20 Alabama Governor's Emergency Relief Fund for assistance in the  
21 reconstruction of Tuscaloosa when the tornado struck in 2011;  
22 he also organized a team from the Tzu Chi Foundation, a  
23 private Taiwanese charity organization, to assist the people  
24 of Tuscaloosa; and

25           WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Chiou coordinated the  
26 reception in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of  
27 Sister-State relationship between Alabama and Taiwan and

1 welcoming the visit of Mr. Jung-Tzer Lin, Minister Without  
2 Portfolio, Executive Yuan, and concurrently Governor of Taiwan  
3 Province, Republic of China (Taiwan); and

4 WHEREAS, in October 2015, Mr. Chiou played a pivotal  
5 role in facilitating the formation of a "Memorandum of  
6 Understanding between the Republic of China (Taiwan) through  
7 the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the  
8 Alabama Law Enforcement Agency regarding the Mutual  
9 Recognition of Driver's Licenses" that allows residents with a  
10 Taiwanese driver's license to forgo tests to receive an  
11 Alabama driver's license and also allows Alabama's licensed  
12 drivers to exchange their state licenses in Taiwan with those  
13 issued by that nation; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and honor  
16 Jean-yih (Peter) Chiou, Taiwanese Diplomat and Director of the  
17 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta, with deep  
18 appreciation, for his significant contributions to creating a  
19 closer relationship between the State of Alabama and Taiwan  
20 and promoting cultural and academic exchanges between the  
21 State of Alabama and Taiwan.