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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, 2023, marks the 44th 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, which makes two-way
12 travel for business and tourism more convenient, reflecting the
13 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, Dr. Tsai
21 Ing-wen, elected in 2016 and reelected for a second term on
22 January 11, 2020, was welcomed to this state in June 2016, as
23 were the Speaker of Tainan City Council, Kuo Hsin-liang, and his
24 delegation in February 2020, further enhancing the bilateral
25 relationship between Taiwan and this state, as well as

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26 | strengthening the common values that Taiwan shares with this
 27 | country, and

28 | WHEREAS, Taiwan participates in international
 29 | organizations, including its bid for observer status in the
 30 | International Criminal Police Organization; its involvement with
 31 | the World Health Assembly, the International Civil Aviation
 32 | Organization, and the United Nations Framework Convention on
 33 | Climate Change; and its membership status in both the Asia-
 34 | Pacific Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization,
 35 | and participates, observes, and cooperates with more than 50
 36 | international organizations, and

37 | WHEREAS, as of January 2023, Taiwan was the United States'
 38 | 10th-largest trading partner and, between 2019 and 2021, was the
 39 | State of Florida's 8th-largest export destination and its 5th-
 40 | largest import source market in Asia, and

41 | WHEREAS, this year marks the 31st anniversary of the
 42 | enactment of the sister state relationship shared between the
 43 | State of Florida and Taiwan, and

44 | WHEREAS, several sister city relationships exist between
 45 | Florida and Taiwan, such as between Miami-Dade County and New
 46 | Taipei City, formerly Taipei County; the Port of Miami and the
 47 | Port of Kaohsiung; the City of Orlando and Tainan City; the City
 48 | of Fort Lauderdale, the City of Miami, and the City of Pensacola
 49 | and Kaohsiung City; the City of Sunny Isles Beach and Hengchun
 50 | Township; the City of Doral and the Xizhi District of New Taipei

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51 City; the City of Kissimmee and Hualien City and Miaoli City;
52 the City of North Miami Beach and the Pingzhen District of
53 Taoyuan City; and the City of Tavares and the Xindian District
54 of New Taipei City, and

55 WHEREAS, Taiwan donated more than 420,000 medical masks to
56 assist the State of Florida with its fight against the virus
57 causing COVID-19, and made a monetary donation of more than
58 \$300,000 for rescue, recovery, and restoration efforts in the
59 aftermath of Hurricane Ian, demonstrating Taiwan's commitment to
60 helping its international partners in need, NOW, 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.