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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION reaffirming the commitment of
2 sister ties between Indiana and Taiwan.

3 *Whereas, The State of Indiana established in 1979 a*
4 *sister-state relationship with Taiwan, the Republic of China*
5 *(R.O.C.), and Indiana and Taiwan have enjoyed strong*
6 *bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and*
7 *tourism;*

8 *Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,*
9 *democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity*
10 *with the United States and the State of Indiana;*

11 *Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's*
12 *second-largest trading partner. Taiwan is the eighth-largest*
13 *trading partner of the United States, and bilateral trade*
14 *reached more than \$856 billion in 2021;*

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1 *Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Indiana have enjoyed a*
 2 *long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of*
 3 *future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's seventh-largest export*
 4 *market in Asia in 2020, with \$273 million worth of Indiana*
 5 *goods exported to Taiwan;*

6 *Whereas, To strengthen the Taiwan-Indiana bilateral*
 7 *economic relationship, it is essential to support Indiana*
 8 *businesses to enhance their economic engagement with Taiwan*
 9 *based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA, Public Law*
 10 *96-8, 22 U.S.C. 3301). As Article 4 Section b of the TRA*
 11 *stipulates that "whenever the laws of the United States refer or*
 12 *relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or*
 13 *similar entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall*
 14 *apply with respect to Taiwan" and it is legitimate for Indiana*
 15 *businesses to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan in conducting their*
 16 *business ties with Taiwan;*

17 *Whereas, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement*
 18 *(BTA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important*
 19 *step toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our*
 20 *countries, thereby increasing Indiana's exports to Taiwan and*
 21 *creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration*
 22 *through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures;*
 23 *and*

24 *Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast*
 25 *diplomacy" in its international relations. Taiwan is capable of,*
 26 *and willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and to collaborate with*
 27 *the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid,*
 28 *disease control, and so forth: Therefore,*

29 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
 30 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

31 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
 32 reaffirms its commitment to the strengthening and deepening of
 33 the sister ties between the State of Indiana and Taiwan, R.O.C.

34 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives
 35 reaffirms its support for the Taiwan Relations Act and supports
 36 Indiana enterprises to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan.



1 SECTION 3. That the State of Indiana endorses Taiwan's
2 efforts to secure the signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement
3 (BTA) with the United States, and reiterates its support for a
4 closer economic and trade partnership between the State of
5 Indiana and Taiwan.

6 SECTION 4. That the State of Indiana continues to support
7 Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations
8 which impact the health, safety, and well-being of the people of
9 Taiwan, and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more
10 contributions in international societies.

