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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the 40th anniversary
2 of the Indiana-Taiwan sister-state relationship.

3 *Whereas, The Indiana House of Representatives is proud of*
4 *the sister-state relationship between Indiana and the Republic*
5 *of China (Taiwan), including strong bilateral trade, tourism,*
6 *and educational and cultural exchanges with Taiwan since*
7 *1979;*

8 *Whereas, The United States is the second largest trading*
9 *partner with Taiwan, and Taiwan is the eleventh largest*
10 *trading partner with the United States;*

11 *Whereas, Bilateral trade between the United States and*
12 *Taiwan reached \$68.2 billion in 2017;*

13 *Whereas, The United States Congress passed the landmark*

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1 *Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral*
2 *relationship between the United States and Taiwan;*

3 *Whereas, The TRA advances mutual security and*
4 *commercial interests and serves as the cornerstone of*
5 *U.S.-Taiwan relations, helping to preserve peace and stability*
6 *in the Taiwan Strait;*

7 *Whereas, Taiwan and Indiana have enjoyed a long and*
8 *mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of future*
9 *growth;*

10 *Whereas, \$195 million of Indiana goods were exported to*
11 *Taiwan in 2017, making it the seventh largest Asian export*
12 *market for Indiana;*

13 *Whereas, Negotiating a bilateral investment agreement and*
14 *a free trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States*
15 *is an important step toward further strengthening bilateral*
16 *trade between the United States and Taiwan, increasing*
17 *Indiana's exports to Taiwan, and creating bilateral investment*
18 *and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and other*
19 *trade facilitation measures; and*

20 *Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,*
21 *democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity*
22 *with the United States and Indiana: Therefore,*

23 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
24 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
26 honors the 40th anniversary of the Indiana-Taiwan sister-state
27 relationship.

28 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Eric
30 Huang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
31 Office in Chicago, Illinois.

