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INTRODUCED BY YAW, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, BAKER,
VULAKOVICH AND MENSCH, OCTOBER 16, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Enhancing the friendship and bilateral relationship between the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan.

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan have a
4 long history of close relations that are mutually beneficial,
5 with Taiwan being an important economic, security and cultural
6 partner; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 11th largest trading partner of the
8 United States, with bilateral trade totaling \$68.2 billion in
9 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established a trade
11 and investment office in Taiwan in 2005, which promotes a
12 fruitful relationship of economic cooperation between the two
13 sides; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's 7th
15 largest export market in Asia and the Commonwealth of
16 Pennsylvania is home to a growing number of Taiwanese companies
17 that create thousands of jobs in Pennsylvania; and

18 WHEREAS, Life Sciences Pennsylvania signed a memorandum of

1 understanding with Taiwan Bio Industry Organization in 2015,
2 which has fostered new business opportunities, partnerships and
3 research collaboration; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan signed
5 an intergovernmental agreement regarding the mutual recognition
6 of driver's licenses in 2015, which created greater convenience
7 for the people on both sides and deepens relations between
8 Taiwan and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 support the enhancement of the friendship and bilateral
11 relationship between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and
12 Taiwan; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14 President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan through the Taipei Economic and
15 Cultural Office in New York.