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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) AND UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

Introduced By: Representatives Kilmartin, Slater, and Diaz

Date Introduced: March 25, 2010

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy an important and strategic relationship;

2 and

3 WHEREAS, Aviation safety and global climate change remain vital issues of
4 international interest and concern; and

5 WHEREAS, The UNFCCC Preamble acknowledges "that the global nature of climate
6 change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an
7 effective and appropriate response"; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan's highly industrialized development has brought about a large
9 amount of CO₂ emission, and its participation in UNFCCC and related agencies and activities
10 will benefit the international effort to combat climate change; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia Pacific region, and the Taipei
12 Flight Information Region (TAIPEI FIR) under Taiwan's jurisdiction covers an area of 176,000
13 square nautical miles, and has 1.35 million controlled flights passing through its jurisdiction each
14 year; and

15 WHEREAS, Airports Council International statistics (2008) ranked Taoyuan
16 International Airport, Taiwan, as the world's 11th largest airport by international cargo volume
17 and 19th in international passenger services, and Taiwan continues to play a prominent role in
18 regional air control and transport services, and in consideration of flight and passenger safety; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation is indispensable if the ICAO and UNFCCC are to

1 ensure the integrity of the global civil aviation safety network and protection of the global
2 environment; and

3 WHEREAS, ICAO and UNFCCC practices and the existing legal basis allow for Taiwan
4 to meaningfully participate in said meetings, mechanisms, and activities; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
6 Plantations hereby supports Taiwan's participation as an observer in the meetings and activities of
7 ICAO and UNFCCC; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of his resolution to President Barack Obama, the Rhode Island
10 Delegation to the United States Congress, and Director-General Anne Hung of the Taipei
11 Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Massachusetts.

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