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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the 40th
2 anniversary of the Indiana-Taiwan sister-state relationship and
3 the United States Congress's enacting of the Taiwan Relations
4 Act, supporting Taiwan's signing of a Bilateral Trade
5 Agreement with the United States, and reaffirming support for
6 increasing Taiwan's international profile.

7 *Whereas, The State of Indiana is proud of the sister-state*
8 *relationship it has enjoyed with the Republic of China (Taiwan)*
9 *since 1979, which is marked by strong bilateral trade,*
10 *educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism;*

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

14 *Whereas, The United States Congress passed the Taiwan*
15 *Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral*
16 *relationship between the United States and Taiwan, as well as*
17 *to advance their mutual security and commercial interests;*

18 *Whereas, The TRA has served as the cornerstone of U.S.-*
19 *Taiwan relations and has helped to preserve peace and stability*



1 *in the Taiwan Strait;*

2 *Whereas, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second*
3 *largest trading partner, Taiwan is the eleventh largest trading*
4 *partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached \$68.2*
5 *billion in 2017;*

6 *Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Indiana have enjoyed a*
7 *long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of*
8 *future growth, and Taiwan was Indiana's seventh largest export*
9 *market in Asia in 2017, with \$195 million worth of Indiana*
10 *goods exported to Taiwan;*

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

18 *Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast*
19 *diplomacy" in its international relations, is capable of and*
20 *willing to fulfill its responsibilities, and is willing to collaborate*
21 *with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid,*
22 *disease control, and so forth: Therefore,*

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

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes the 40th
26 anniversary of the Indiana-Taiwan sister-state relationship and the
27 United States Congress's enacting of the Taiwan Relations Act,
28 supports Taiwan's signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the
29 United States, offers its continued support to Taiwan's meaningful
30 participation in international organizations which impact the health,
31 safety, and well-being of its people, and supports its aspiration to make
32 more contributions in international societies.



1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
2 transmit copies of this Resolution to the members of the Indiana
3 Congressional Delegation and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
4 in Chicago, Illinois.

