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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri and the Republic of China (Taiwan) entered into a
2 sister-state relationship in 1980; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Missouri and Taiwan share the values of freedom, democracy, rule of law,
5 and respect for human rights; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan held its seventh direct election for president on January 11, 2020,
8 which demonstrates the strength and vitality of Taiwan's democracy and exemplifies Taiwan's
9 role as a beacon of democracy in Asia; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Missouri and Taiwan enjoy a mutually beneficial trade partnership; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan is Missouri's sixth-largest import partner and twenty-third-largest
14 export partner; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between
17 Taiwan and the United States are an important step to further strengthen bilateral trade, which
18 would increase Missouri exports; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, April 10, 2019, marked the fortieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations
21 Act, 96 Pub. L. 8, which is a United States federal law that built a strong foundation for United
22 States-Taiwan ties and that assures the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations
23 between the two countries; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, seeks
26 to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization, International Civil Aviation
27 Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization:

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29 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the House of
30 Representatives, the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby praise
31 Taiwan's vibrant democracy; celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act;
32 welcome even closer bilateral trade and investment ties; and support Taiwan's appropriate
33 participation in international organizations that benefit the health, safety, and wellbeing of its
34 people; and

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for United
38 States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Director General Jerry S. Chang of the Taipei
39 Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado.

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