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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WHEELAND, PICKETT, MURT, LEE, TOEPEL, MACKENZIE,  
READSHAW, McCLINTON, MILLARD, SAYLOR AND RYAN, MARCH 13, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 13, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Enhancing the friendship and bilateral relationship between the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan and congratulating  
3 President Dr. Tsai Ing-wen and Vice President-elect Dr. Lai  
4 Ching-te.

5 WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan)  
6 uphold the same values of freedom and democracy and are bonded  
7 by their shared commitment to human rights, the rule of law and  
8 a free market economy; and

9 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States passed the  
10 landmark Taiwan Relations Act, which has served as the  
11 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations for decades; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 11, 2020, Taiwan held another successful  
13 election of the president and vice president, re-electing Dr.  
14 Tsai Ing-wen as president and electing Dr. Lai Ching-te as vice  
15 president, a demonstration of Taiwan's vibrant democracy; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the  
17 United States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in  
18 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the Commonwealth's 5th-largest export

1 market in Asia, and the Commonwealth is home to a growing number  
2 of Taiwanese companies that create thousands of jobs in  
3 Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, In order to strengthen bilateral trade with the  
5 United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)  
6 has expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement with  
7 the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and Taiwan have developed an  
9 enduring and mutually beneficial partnership that facilitates  
10 economic, cultural and people-to-people exchanges over the  
11 years; and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth established a trade and investment  
13 office in Taiwan in 2005, promoting a fruitful relationship of  
14 economic cooperation between the two sides; and

15 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and Taiwan signed an  
16 intergovernmental agreement regarding the mutual recognition of  
17 driver's licenses in 2015, creating greater convenience for the  
18 people on both sides and deepening relations between Taiwan and  
19 the Commonwealth; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support enhancing relations between  
22 the Commonwealth and Taiwan, and it is fitting and proper that  
23 the House of Representatives congratulate President Dr. Tsai  
24 Ing-wen on her re-election as the President of Taiwan and Vice  
25 President-elect Dr. Lai Ching-te on his election to office; and  
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 President Dr. Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan through the Taipei Economic  
29 and Cultural Office in New York.