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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois established a sister-state
3 relationship with Taiwan, the Republic of China (ROC), in
4 1992; since then, Illinois and Taiwan have enjoyed strong
5 bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and
6 tourism; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom,
8 democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and
9 prosperity with the United States and the State of Illinois;
10 this year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the
11 U.S. as well as the 30th anniversary of Taiwan's first direct
12 presidential election; and

13 WHEREAS, The U.S. ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading
14 partner, and Taiwan is the seventh-largest trading partner of
15 the U.S., ranking higher than the United Kingdom, India, and
16 Australia; bilateral trade between the U.S. and Taiwan reached
17 more than \$185 billion in 2024, and Taiwan is the 12th-largest
18 export market for U.S. goods; since 2019, Taiwan-affiliated
19 firms' investments in the U.S. have nearly doubled to \$99.5
20 billion, and the trade and investment with Taiwan have
21 supported 387,000 well-paid American jobs in the U.S.; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan imported \$3.8 billion worth of U.S. farm

1 products in 2024, making it the eighth-largest market for U.S.
2 agricultural products overall; with its high quality
3 agricultural produce, the U.S. remains one of Taiwan's largest
4 sources of agricultural products; in September 2025, Taiwan
5 made commitments to purchase up to \$10 billion worth of U.S.
6 soybeans, corn, wheat, and beef in the coming four years, much
7 of which will come from the State of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Illinois have enjoyed a
9 long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of
10 future growth; Taiwan was Illinois' seventh-largest export
11 market in Asia and 18th-largest export market globally in
12 2024, with \$807 million worth of Illinois goods being exported
13 to the country, marking 6.5% growth from the previous year,
14 and a \$68 million investment from Taiwan to the State of
15 Illinois with an unprecedented one-third of the growth from
16 the previous year; trade and investment from Taiwan supports
17 up to 5,600 quality jobs in Illinois, and up to 46
18 Taiwan-affiliated companies currently operate or have expanded
19 in Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, To strengthen the Taiwan-Illinois bilateral
21 economic relationship, it is essential to support Illinois
22 businesses in enhancing their economic engagement with Taiwan
23 based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) Public Law 96-8,
24 22 U.S.C. 3301; Section 4, Subsection b of the TRA stipulates

1 that "Whenever the laws of the United States refer or relate to
2 foreign countries ... such terms shall include and such laws
3 shall apply with respect to Taiwan"; it is legitimate for
4 Illinois businesses to refer to Taiwan as "Taiwan" in
5 conducting their business ties with the country, and the 2025
6 Congressional Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act further
7 encourages U.S. officials to engage with Taiwan
8 representatives and to travel to Taiwan; and

9 WHEREAS, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement
10 (BTA) and the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA)
11 between Taiwan and the U.S. are important steps toward further
12 strengthening bilateral trade between our countries, thereby
13 increasing Illinois' exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral
14 investment and technical collaboration through tariff
15 reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of integrated
17 diplomacy, values-added diplomacy, and allied diplomacy in its
18 international relations; Taiwan is capable of fulfilling its
19 responsibilities and collaborating with the world to deal with
20 challenges, including international crime, aviation safety,
21 climate change, humanitarian aid, and medical assistance; and

22 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed
23 Resolution 2758 in 1971 to include representatives of the

1 People's Republic of China (PRC), but the resolution was never
2 intended to address Taiwan's ultimate political status and did
3 not preclude Taiwan's meaningful participation in the UN
4 system on its own merit; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we reaffirm our commitment to the strengthening and deepening
8 of the sister-state relationship between the State of Illinois
9 and Taiwan, the Republic of China (ROC); and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our support for the Taiwan
11 Relations Act (TRA) and support Illinois businesses referring
12 to Taiwan as "Taiwan"; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we endorse Taiwan's efforts to secure the
14 signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and the Avoidance
15 of Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA) with the United States,
16 and we support the further strengthening of a closer economic
17 and trade partnership between the State of Illinois and Taiwan
18 with multiple possible approaches, including signing an
19 economic and trade memorandum of understanding, exploring the
20 possibility of establishing an Illinois Office in Taiwan, and
21 sending Illinois high-level officials to visit Taiwan without
22 being threatened by any adversary forces; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we support Taiwan's meaningful
2 participation in international organizations, including the
3 United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization (WHO), the
4 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United
5 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and
6 the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL),
7 which impact the well-being of the peoples of Taiwan, the
8 State of Illinois, the U.S., and the world; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we oppose any distortion or misuse of UNGA
10 Resolution 2758 to attempt to deny Taiwan's aspiration to make
11 contributions in international societies; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered to members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation
14 and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago.