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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Taiwan, the Republic of
4 China (R.O.C.) on the occasion of the 112th anniversary of its
5 National Day; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States and Taiwan, R.O.C. have
7 maintained a close friendship based on the 1979 Taiwan
8 Relations Act, Public Law 96-8 96th Congress, which celebrates
9 its 44th anniversary in 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan, R.O.C. is the 9th largest trading partner
11 of the U. S. as well as the 13th largest export market and 8th
12 largest import market, with bilateral trade totaling US\$ 135.6
13 billion in 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, On July 25, 2023, the U.S. House of
15 Representatives passed the Taiwan International Solidarity
16 Act, H.R. 1176, to reaffirm that the U.S. will oppose any
17 efforts by the People's Republic of China to interfere with
18 Taiwan, R.O.C.'s ability to conduct diplomacy and participate
19 in international organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, On August 7, 2023, the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on
21 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act was

1 signed into law by President Joe Biden, and the U.S. and
2 Taiwan, R.O.C. will continue to hold talks on bilateral
3 economic and trade issues through Trade and Investment
4 Framework Agreements (TIFA), Technology, Trade and Investment
5 Collaboration Frameworks (TTIC), and Economic Prosperity
6 Partnership Dialogues (EPPD) to jointly advance the bilateral
7 partnership between the two nations as well as to foster a more
8 resilient, just, and flourishing economy for the 21st century;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan, R.O.C. and the State of Illinois
11 established sister-state relations through an agreement signed
12 by Illinois Governor Jim Edgar and Taiwan Governor Dr. Lien
13 Chan in 1992; and

14 WHEREAS, The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in
15 Chicago, formerly called the Consulate General of the Republic
16 of China in Chicago, was originally established in 1930 and
17 officially renamed in 1994; and

18 WHEREAS, TECO in Chicago, currently led by Director
19 General Dennis Yen-Feng Lei, has multiple divisions providing
20 services, including its Consular Division, Education Division,
21 Economic Division, Press Division, and the Cultural Center of
22 TECO; and

1 WHEREAS, TECO in Chicago's jurisdiction includes seven
2 states in the Midwest, which are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,
3 Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan, R.O.C. will observe its 112th National
5 Day on October 10, 2023; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Taiwan, the Republic of China (R.O.C.) on the
9 112th anniversary of its National Day, and we commend the work
10 of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Chicago;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Director General Dennis Yen-Feng Lei of the TECO
14 in Chicago as an expression of our esteem and respect.