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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1992, the State of Illinois established the sister-state relationship with Taiwan Province, the Republic of China (Taiwan), and Illinois and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

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WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner; Taiwan is the tenth-largest trading partner of the United States, and bilateral trade reached U.S. \$85.5 billion in 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Illinois have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was Illinois' seventh-largest export market in Asia in 2019 with U.S. \$667 million worth of Illinois goods exported to Taiwan; and

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WHEREAS, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important

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1 step toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our  
2 countries; a trade agreement will increase Illinois' exports  
3 to Taiwan and create bilateral investment and technical  
4 collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade  
5 facilitation measures; and

6 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast  
7 diplomacy" in its international relations; Taiwan is capable  
8 of, and willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and to  
9 collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of  
10 humanitarian aid, disease control, and so forth; therefore, be  
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12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we reaffirm a commitment to the strengthening and deepening of  
15 the sister ties between the State of Illinois and Taiwan; and  
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17 RESOLVED, That we endorse Taiwan's efforts to secure the  
18 signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the United  
19 States and reiterate our support for a closer economic and  
20 trade partnership between the State of Illinois and Taiwan;  
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That we continue to support Taiwan's meaningful

1 participation in international organizations which impact the  
2 health, safety, and well-being of the people of Taiwan and  
3 support Taiwan's aspiration to make more contributions in  
4 international societies.