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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

6           WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives established  
7 the Illinois Statehouse Taiwan Friendship Caucus on May 19,  
8 2021, the first of its kind in the nation with bi-partisan  
9 support, which was commemorated by House Resolution No. 372 on  
10 June 1, 2021; and

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

15           WHEREAS, The United States ranks as Taiwan's  
16 second-largest trading partner; Taiwan is the eighth-largest  
17 trading partner of the United States, and bilateral trade  
18 reached more than US\$ 856 billion in 2021; and

19           WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Illinois have enjoyed a  
20 long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect of  
21 future growth, and Taiwan was Illinois's seventh-largest

1 export market in Asia in 2020 with US\$ 673 million worth of  
2 Illinois goods exported to Taiwan; and

3 WHEREAS, To strengthen the Taiwan-Illinois bilateral  
4 economic relationship, it is essential to support Illinois  
5 businesses to enhance their economic engagement with Taiwan  
6 based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA, Public Law 96-8,  
7 22 USC 3301); as Article 4 Section b of the TRA stipulates that  
8 "wherever the laws of the United States refer or relate to  
9 foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar  
10 entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply  
11 with respect to Taiwan"; it is legitimate for Illinois  
12 businesses to refer to Taiwan as Taiwan in conducting their  
13 business ties with Taiwan; and

14 WHEREAS, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement  
15 (BTA) between Taiwan and the United States are an important  
16 step toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our  
17 countries, thereby increasing Illinois's exports to Taiwan and  
18 creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration  
19 through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation  
20 measures; and

21 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast  
22 diplomacy" in its international relations; Taiwan is capable  
23 of, and willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and to

1 collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of  
2 humanitarian aid, disease control, and so forth; therefore, be  
3 it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we reaffirm our commitment to the strengthening and deepening  
7 of the sister ties between the State of Illinois and Taiwan,  
8 R.O.C.; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our support for the Taiwan  
10 Relations Act and support Illinois businesses referring to  
11 Taiwan, R.O.C. as Taiwan; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That we endorse Taiwan's efforts to secure the  
13 signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the United  
14 States and reiterate our support for a closer economic and  
15 trade partnership between the State of Illinois and Taiwan;  
16 and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That we continue to support Taiwan's meaningful  
18 participation in international organizations that impact the  
19 health, safety, and well-being of the people of Taiwan and  
20 support Taiwan's aspiration to make more contributions in  
21 international societies.