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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1992, the State of Illinois established a sister-state relationship with Taiwan, the Republic of China (R.O.C.); since that time, 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 State of Illinois and the United States; and

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WHEREAS, The United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner; Taiwan is the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States, with bilateral trade reaching more than US\$ 856 billion in 2021; 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; Taiwan was Illinois' seventh-largest export market in Asia in 2021, with US\$ 747 million worth of Illinois goods exported to Taiwan; and

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WHEREAS, To strengthen the Taiwan-Illinois bilateral economic relationship, it is essential to support Illinois

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1 businesses to enhance their economic engagement with Taiwan
2 based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA, Public Law 96-8,
3 22 U.S.C. 3301); Article 4, Section b of the TRA stipulates
4 that "wherever the laws of the United States refer or relate to
5 foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar
6 entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply
7 with respect to Taiwan"; it is legitimate for Illinois
8 businesses to refer to Taiwan, R.O.C. as Taiwan in conducting
9 their business ties with Taiwan; and

10 WHEREAS, Negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement
11 (BTA), the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA), and
12 the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)
13 between Taiwan and the United States are an important step
14 toward further strengthening bilateral trade between our
15 countries and will thereby increase Illinois' exports to
16 Taiwan and create bilateral investment and technical
17 collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade
18 facilitation measures; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast
20 diplomacy" in its international relations; Taiwan is capable
21 of, and willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and to
22 collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of
23 humanitarian aid, disease control, and so forth; therefore, be
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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we reaffirm our
3 commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the
4 sister-state ties between the State of Illinois and Taiwan,
5 R.O.C.; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our support for the Taiwan
7 Relations Act (TRA) and support Illinois businesses to refer
8 to Taiwan, R.O.C. as Taiwan; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we endorse Taiwan's efforts to secure the
10 signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), the Avoidance of
11 Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA), and the Indo-Pacific
12 Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) with the United
13 States, and we reiterate our support for a closer economic and
14 trade partnership between the State of Illinois and Taiwan;
15 and be it further

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