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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United 3 States enjoy one of the important economic and strategic 4 international relationships that exists today; and

5 WHEREAS, Together, Taiwan and the United States promote a 6 shared belief in freedom, democracy, and market principles; and

7 WHEREAS, The level of mutual investment between Taiwan and8 the United States is substantial; and

9 WHEREAS, Streamlined foreign investment procedures 10 developed under a free trade agreement between Taiwan and the 11 United States would create new business opportunities and new 12 jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, A free trade agreement between Taiwan and the 14 United States would encourage greater innovations and 15 manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint technological 16 development, practical applications, and new cooperative 17 ventures; and

18 WHEREAS, A recent study by the United States International 19 Trade Commission supports the negotiation of a free trade 20 agreement between Taiwan and the United States; and HR0156 -2- LRB095 11457 KXB 32414 r

1 WHEREAS, A free trade agreement between Taiwan and the 2 United States would build on the existing strong relations 3 between Taiwan and the United States to simultaneously boost 4 Taiwan's security and democracy and serve the broader interests 5 of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region; therefore, be 6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 8 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 9 support the negotiation of a free trade agreement between the 10 Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States of America; 11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 13 presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in 14 Chicago.