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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Republic of China (Taiwan) has achieved  
3 economic and social stability; in the last 2 decades, Taiwan  
4 has been lauded as a beacon of democracy for Asia, has  
5 dramatically improved its record on human rights, and has taken  
6 great steps forward to enter the world arena as a trusted  
7 partner; and

8           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a strong cultural and  
9 economic relationship with Taiwan since the establishment of  
10 sister-state relations with Taiwan on August 27, 1992; and

11           WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international organizations  
12 dealing with climate change has impeded Taiwan's ability to  
13 respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot, which struck  
14 Taiwan in the summer of 2009 during an unusually bad typhoon  
15 season in the Pacific that was possibly exacerbated by climate  
16 change; in addition, the global initiative to tackle climate  
17 change has been impaired by the lack of participation (observer  
18 status) of Taiwan, the world's 17th-largest economy; and

19           WHEREAS, The government of Taiwan has expressed its  
20 gratitude for the assistance and condolences of the  
21 international community in the wake of Typhoon Morakot in 2009,  
22 as dozens of international organizations and nations stepped up

1 to help, including the United States, which supplied military  
2 equipment for rescue and recovery operations, the European  
3 Union, Japan, and the Chinese mainland; and

4 WHEREAS, Aviation safety has become a major global concern  
5 since 2001; Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the  
6 Asia-Pacific region, with over 1.35 million flights passing  
7 through the Taipei Flight Information Region, and has the  
8 world's 15th-largest airport by cargo volume, Taoyuan  
9 International Airport; and

10 WHEREAS, The government of Taiwan has undertaken a policy  
11 of "flexible diplomacy" in its international relations and a  
12 pragmatic approach to China, having completed a number of  
13 cross-strait liberalization measures, including regular,  
14 direct passenger flights between mainland China and Taiwan and  
15 other goodwill measures, resulting in reciprocal gestures and  
16 rapprochement between Taipei and Beijing; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 affirm our support for the participation of Taiwan in the  
20 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
21 and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to  
22 increase Taiwan's international space and contribution to the  
23 global community; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, UNFCCC  
3 Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer, ICAO Secretary General Raymond  
4 Benjamin, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in  
5 Chicago.