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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND AND ENCOURAGE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
9 TAIWAN AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; TO SUPPORT TAIWAN'S
10 PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION
11 ORGANIZATION AND UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
12 ON CLIMATE CHANGE; TO CALL FOR CLOSER ECONOMIC
13 RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE UNITED STATES; AND
14 TO COMMEND DIRECTOR GENERAL DANIEL LIAO FOR HIS
15 EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC AND
16 CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE STATE OF
17 ARKANSAS.

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20 **Subtitle**

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22 AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND
23 ARKANSAS AND TO COMMEND DIRECTOR GENERAL
24 LIAO FOR ADVANCING ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
25 EXCHANGE BETWEEN TAIWAN AND ARKANSAS.

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28 WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China, commonly known as
29 "Taiwan", engage in robust bilateral trade, and Taiwan is the world's 23rd
30 largest economy, 17th largest export economy, 16th largest import economy, 4th
31 largest holder of foreign exchange reserves, 10th largest U.S. trading
32 partner, 15th largest U.S. export market, 1st largest per capita importer of
33 U.S. agricultural products, Arkansas' 13th largest export market with \$7.09
34 million in Arkansas agriculture products imported by Taiwan in 2011; and
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36 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a member of the World Trade Organization, and a free



1 trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States would substantially
2 reduce or eliminate most import quotas, duties, and other trade barriers,
3 expanding market opportunities for manufactured goods and agricultural
4 products from Arkansas and the entire United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, given the important role Taiwan plays in commercial aviation
7 and the global economy, it is vital that Taiwan participates as an observer
8 in the International Civil Aviation Organization and United Nations Framework
9 Convention on Climate Change; and

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11 WHEREAS, meaningful participation by Taiwan as an observer in the
12 International Civil Aviation Organization will enhance efforts to improve
13 safety and procedures and will develop a global strategy to address aviation
14 security threats; and as an observer in the United Nations Framework
15 Convention on Climate Change, Taiwan will contribute greatly to global
16 efforts aimed at reducing and preventing natural disasters; and

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18 WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 30th anniversary of the sister-state
19 relationship between Taiwan and Arkansas as well as the 30th anniversary of
20 the sister-city relationship between the City of Kaohsiung and the City of
21 Little Rock, and

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23 WHEREAS, Ambassador Daniel Liao, who will leave his current post of
24 Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston in
25 March, has made significant contributions to promote economic and educational
26 opportunities between Taiwan and Arkansas; and Director General Liao
27 delivered speeches to introduce Taiwan's latest political and economic
28 developments, and extended friendship and cooperation between Taiwan and
29 Arkansas to the students and faculty of the University of Arkansas at Little
30 Rock, University of Central Arkansas, and University of Arkansas at Fort
31 Smith during his tenure in Houston,

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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
35 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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1 THAT the House of Representatives:

2 (1) Supports Taiwan's participation in the International Civil
3 Aviation Organization and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
4 Change;

5 (2) Encourages a closer economic relationship between Taiwan and
6 the United States by negotiating a free trade agreement and a bilateral
7 investment agreement between Taiwan and the United States and Taiwan's
8 participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership;

9 (3) Celebrates the 30th anniversary of the sister-state
10 relationship between Arkansas and Taiwan as well as the sister-city
11 relationship between the City of Kaohsiung and the City of Little Rock
12 initially formed in 1983; and

13 (4) Recognizes the efforts and contributions towards enhanced
14 cooperation between Taiwan and Arkansas made by Director General Daniel Liao,
15 and wishes him a fond farewell and all the best in Taiwan.

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be
18 delivered to Director General Daniel Liao and the Directors of the Arkansas
19 Economic Development Commission and the Department of Parks and Tourism.

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