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A R E S O L U T I O N

Reaffirming the commitment to the strengthening and 1
deepening of the sister-state relationship 2
between the State of Ohio and Taiwan, and 3
reiterating that the Senate of the State of Ohio 4
strongly supports the enhancement of bilateral 5
economic ties between the State of Ohio and 6
Taiwan. 7

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio and the Republic of China 8
(Taiwan) have enjoyed a long, friendly relationship, including 9
sister-state relations since 1990 and sister-city relationships 10
with Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati; and 11

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the sixth largest export market for Ohio 12
in Asia, and in 2016 alone, Ohio sent more than \$424 million 13
worth of export products to Taiwan; and 14

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a leading importer of agricultural 15
products from the United States, and Ohio can expect to provide 16
a good portion of those products; and 17

WHEREAS, Many leading Taiwanese companies have invested in 18
Ohio, contributing to a strong economy for Ohio and good jobs 19
for Ohio citizens, further strengthening bilateral trade and 20

paving the way to enter into a Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan, which would increase Ohio's exports to Taiwan and create bilateral investment; and

WHEREAS, Relations between Taiwan and the United States are marked by strong bilateral trade, which totaled more than \$65.4 billion in exchanged goods in 2016, an amount that could increase more rapidly under a bilateral trade agreement, and in 2016 alone, the United States was the third-largest trading partner of Taiwan, and Taiwan was the tenth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is capable of and willing to fulfill its responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of environmental changes, humanitarian aid, disease control, and others; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in international organizations benefits the international community as a whole, including the State of Ohio; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, reaffirm the State of Ohio's commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the sister-state relationship between Taiwan and Ohio, and strongly support the enhancement of bilateral economic ties between Ohio and Taiwan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, continue to support Taiwan's participation in relevant international organizations that impact the health, safety, and well-being of its people, and support its aspiration to increase its contributions to international societies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

the United States Secretary of State, the Taipei Economic and	52
Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois, and the members of the	53
Ohio congressional delegation.	54