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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

### Subtitle

TO COMMEND AND ENCOURAGE THE RELATIONSHIP  
AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND  
ARKANSAS AND TO COMMEND DIRECTOR GENERAL  
LIAO FOR ADVANCING ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL  
EXCHANGE BETWEEN TAIWAN AND ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China, commonly known as  
"Taiwan", engage in robust bilateral trade, and Taiwan is the world's 23<sup>rd</sup>  
largest economy, 17<sup>th</sup> largest export economy, 16<sup>th</sup> largest import economy, 4<sup>th</sup>  
largest holder of foreign exchange reserves, 10<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. trading  
partner, 15<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. export market, 1<sup>st</sup> largest per capita importer of  
U.S. agricultural products, Arkansas' 13<sup>th</sup> largest export market with \$7.09  
million in Arkansas agriculture products imported by Taiwan in 2011; and

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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister-state  
19 relationship between Taiwan and Arkansas as well as the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.