

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOSKINS.

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2 **WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri maintains and values its relationship with Taiwan;
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4 **WHEREAS**, April 10, 2014, will mark the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the
5 Taiwan Relations Act, which encourages continued commercial and cultural relations between
6 the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Taiwan was the 10th largest import partner and the 23rd largest
9 export partner of Missouri; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, in March 2013, Governor Jay Nixon led a 31-member delegation to visit
12 Taiwan, witnessing the signing of the Memorandum of Intent between Taiwan and Missouri,
13 which will take all steps as may be necessary and feasible to promote trade and economic
14 cooperation with the goal of \$500 million in exports over the next four years between the parties;
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17 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan and the United States resumed negotiation under the Trade and
18 Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) in March 2013, after a five-year hiatus; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) gives investors in both economies
21 greater assurance that the capital they are putting at risk in each other's market will be adequately
22 protected; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the United States has already concluded - or is seeking to negotiate -
25 bilateral investment agreements with 9 of its top 10 trading partners, and Taiwan is the sole
26 exception; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, opening negotiations for a BIA between the United States and Taiwan will
29 provide more stability for strong two-way investment ties; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan hopes to work via regional economic bodies to further develop
32 bilateral and multilateral trade with the United States and other nations in the Asia-Pacific
33 region, seeking to join the United States-led Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); and

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35 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Taiwan and mainland China signed a landmark trade agreement,
36 the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA). This trade agreement has opened

37 up immense opportunities to Taiwan investors, including those who are from Missouri and in
38 mainland China, and continues to expand to provide additional benefits; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, United States support has provided an important force for Taiwan in
41 continuing to promote cross-strait reconciliation; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, even though cross-strait relations are now more stable and peaceful than
44 at any other time in the past 60 years, Taiwan still needs to have a strong national defense to
45 ensure the safety of its people. It is with this in mind that Taiwan and the United States maintain
46 security cooperation, which is an important part of the bilateral relationship; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, arms sales approved by former President George W. Bush and current
49 President Barack Obama have bolstered Taiwan's security and enhanced the defensive
50 capabilities and given Taiwan greater confidence to pursue improved relations with mainland
51 China; and

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53 **WHEREAS**, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business,
54 trade, and tourism; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, the development of international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner
57 is the supreme cause of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

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59 **WHEREAS**, without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans, regulations, and
60 procedures that the ICAO formulates will be incomplete and unsafe; and

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62 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez, President of ICAO, sent a letter to Ms. Shen
63 Chi, Director General of the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA), inviting her to lead a
64 delegation to the 38th Session of the Assembly of ICAO which was convened September 24 to
65 October 4, 2013, in Montreal, Canada, as his guests under the name "Chinese Taipei"; and

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67 **WHEREAS**, United States Department of State spokesperson Jen Psaki and the United
68 States Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx have both expressed their support for this
69 development; and

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71 **WHEREAS**, as an island in the Pacific Ocean, Taiwan is imperiled by rising sea levels
72 and the ravages of extreme weather; and

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74 **WHEREAS**, it is apparent that to overcome the challenges posed by immense
75 undertaking as climate change, there must be concerted effort and cooperation among the world
76 citizenry; and

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78 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's exclusion from meaningful participation in the United Nations
79 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has been to the detriment of both the

80 Taiwan people and the global community, as Taiwan not only has the means but also incentive
81 to make a meaningful contribution; and

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83 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's request to participate in the ICAO and the UNFCCC is fully in
84 line with the United States government's policy of supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation
85 in United Nations specialized agencies:

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87 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
88 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
89 concurring therein, hereby welcome the resumption of TIFA talks between the United States and
90 Taiwan, and express support for Taiwan's efforts to secure entry into the TPP, along with the
91 United States and other friendly Asia-Pacific Rim countries; and

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93 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly encourages and
94 supports the United States to sell Taiwan the weapons and defense services necessary to maintain
95 a sufficient self-defense capability; and

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97 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly endorses Taiwan's
98 meaningful participation in the ICAO as an observer; and

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100 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly is supportive of
101 all efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the UNFCCC and as a collaborative partner
102 of the United States on a wide range of public issues, Taiwan should be afforded the opportunity
103 to participate in global efforts aimed at reducing and preventing natural disasters; and

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105 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
106 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for John
107 Kerry, United States Secretary of State; Anthony Foxx, the United States Secretary of
108 Transportation; Gina McCarthy, United States Administrator of the Environmental Protection
109 Agency; each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation; and Jack J.C. Yang, the
110 Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Missouri.

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