

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor of Taiwan and its relationship with Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the relationship between this Commonwealth and the island state of Taiwan should be recognized by this honorable body, both as a testament to the charitable gifts Taiwan has offered to Kentucky in times of need and also as an acknowledgement of the sister state alliance that exists between Kentucky and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has a long history of commitment to international and humanitarian aid, and Kentucky has been a direct beneficiary of this heartfelt concern. In 2011, Taiwan donated \$20,000 to the Louisville Chapter of the American Red Cross in order to assist with disaster relief efforts in a time of great need. A year later, Taiwan extended a monetary relief of \$30,000 after Kentucky was hit by devastating tornadoes. To the people of LaRue and Hardin Counties, and to those who suffered great devastation in the town of West Liberty, gratitude to Taiwan will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Taiwan and Kentucky became sister states, and the relationship between this Commonwealth and the people of Taiwan was solidified. As Taiwan has become an economic power and has grown in prosperity, the close ties between this Commonwealth and Taiwan have remained unbroken; and

WHEREAS, President Ma Ying-jeou is currently serving his second term as President of Taiwan, and under his leadership Taiwan has become an active participant in such worthwhile initiatives as the World Health Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the International Civil Aviation Administration. The loyalty of the people of Taiwan to their homeland, and the unyielding belief in the transformative power of democracy, is yet another ideal that Kentucky and Taiwan rightfully share; and

WHEREAS, this body honors Taiwan and its people for all it has done to help this Commonwealth, gratefully acknowledges the sister state relationship between Taiwan and Kentucky, and offers best wishes that this relationship can continue to grow and become

even stronger;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives honors Taiwan and its relationship with Kentucky, thanks Taiwan for its generous gifts of charity to this Commonwealth, and acknowledges the unique relationship Taiwan and Kentucky have maintained for more than 30 years.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Taiwan.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Tommy Thompson for delivery.