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H.R. \_\_\_\_\_ S.R. \_\_\_\_ HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. BY BELL, GIPP, ROBERTS, and H. MILLER

3 A Resolution supporting a free trade agreement between the Republic of China on Taiwan and the United States. WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan and the 6 United States enjoy one of the most important economic 7 and strategic international relationships that exists 8 today; and

WHEREAS, together, Taiwan and the United States 1 10 promote a shared belief in freedom, democracy, and 11 market principles; and

WHEREAS, the level of mutual investment between 1 12

1 13 Taiwan and the United States is substantial; and 1 14 WHEREAS, streamlined foreign investment procedures 1 15 developed under a free trade agreement between Taiwan 1 16 and the United States would create new business 1 17 opportunities and new jobs; and

1 18 WHEREAS, a free trade agreement between Taiwan and 1 19 the United States would encourage greater innovations 1 20 and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint 1 21 technological development, practical applications, and 1 22 new cooperative ventures; and

1 23 WHEREAS, a recent study by the United States 24 International Trade Commission supports the 25 negotiation of a free trade agreement between Taiwan 1 26 and the United States; and

WHEREAS, a free trade agreement between Taiwan and 27 28 the United States would build on the existing strong 29 relations between Taiwan and the United States to 30 simultaneously boost Taiwan's security and democracy 1 and serve the broader interests of the United States 2 in the Asia=Pacific region; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 4 That the House of Representatives supports the 5 negotiation of a free trade agreement between the 6 Republic of China on Taiwan and the United States of 7 America; and 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption, an

9 official copy of this Resolution be prepared and 2 10 presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office 2 11 located in Chicago, Illinois. 2 12 LSB 6578HH 82

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