## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED NATIONS TO GRANT TAIWAN PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Convention) is an international environmental treaty produced at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the Convention have met annually from 1995 in the Conference of the Parties to assess progress in dealing with climate change. In 1997, the Kyoto Protocol was concluded and established legally binding obligations for developed countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, as of May 2011, the Convention had one hundred ninety-four member parties; and

WHEREAS, parties to the Convention are classified as Annex I countries - industrialized countries and countries with economies in transition, Annex II countries - developed countries that pay for costs of developing countries, and Non Annex I countries - developing countries; and

WHEREAS, there are forty-one Annex I countries; and

WHEREAS, although the Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, is classified as an industrialized nation, that country has yet to be permitted to participate in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan aspires to have an active role in global efforts towards climate change mitigation and adaption; and

WHEREAS, as the world's largest LED manufacturer and the second largest solar cell manufacturer, Taiwan's green energy

industry is helping to significantly reduce global carbon emissions and enhance energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has resolved to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by at least thirty per cent relative to the Business-As-Usual benchmark by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the Convention process would conform to the spirit and the purpose of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which acknowledges that the "global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation;" and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration should be admitted to participate as an observer in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties, since it is qualified in matters covered by the Convention; and

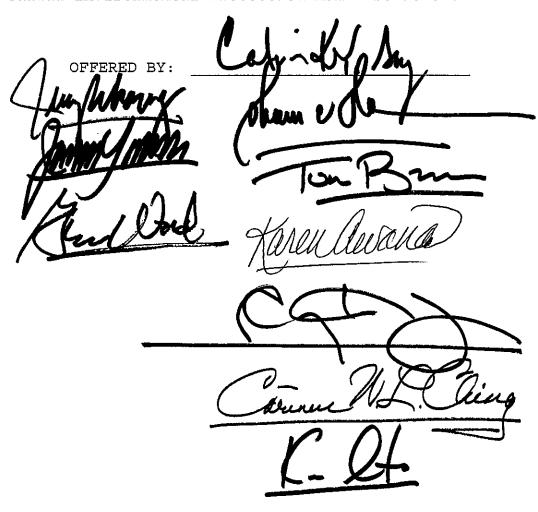
WHEREAS, Taiwan has participated in the World Health Assembly as an observer since 2009; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing international support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change from other countries and international governmental organizations such as the European Parliament, Central American Parliament, and the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that the United Nations is urged to grant Taiwan participation as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of State, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the Republic of China, the Director of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Minister of the Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration.



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