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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORTING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Department of State has  
2 officially affirmed its support for the participation of Taiwan  
3 as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on  
4 Climate Change (UNFCCC) and in the International Civil Aviation  
5 Organization; and  
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7 WHEREAS, climate change has become a major global issue  
8 confronting humanity in the twenty-first century, and Taiwan's  
9 inclusion in the UNFCCC as an observer will enable Taiwan to  
10 make valuable contributions to the international community; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key air transport hub that links  
13 Northeast and Southeast Asia, and inclusion of Taiwan in the  
14 International Civil Aviation Organization as an observer will  
15 ensure the aviation safety of passengers from Taiwan and abroad;  
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18 WHEREAS, since April 2009, Taiwan's Health Minister was  
19 invited by the Director General of the World Health Organization  
20 to lead a delegation to attend the annual World Health Assembly  
21 as an observer, setting a precedent for Taiwan's participation  
22 in United Nations specialized agencies; and  
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24 WHEREAS, United States President Barack Obama has signed a  
25 bill that requires the United States Secretary of State to  
26 develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the  
27 International Criminal Police Organization and other  
28 international groups; and



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2 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the Taiwan Province of the  
3 Republic of China jointly established a sister state  
4 relationship in 1993 to promote international understanding and  
5 goodwill and to strengthen a greater friendship between the  
6 residents of Hawaii and Taiwan; and  
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8 WHEREAS, over the past twenty-three years, the bonds of  
9 true friendship and a steadfast trade partnership between Hawaii  
10 and Taiwan have strengthened, resulting in a better economic,  
11 social, and cultural exchange between the two governments; now,  
12 therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
16 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that this body joins the  
17 United States to endorse the participation of Taiwan as an  
18 observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate  
19 Change, International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health  
20 Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization;  
21 and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the State of  
24 Hawaii's twenty-third anniversary of sister-state relations with  
25 Taiwan; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
29 United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States  
30 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
31 United States Secretary of State, members of Hawaii's  
32 congressional delegation, Governor of Hawaii, and Director of  
33 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

