

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 40

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1                   **Whereas**, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important economic  
2 and strategic international relationships; and

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4                   **Whereas**, together, Taiwan and the United States promote a shared faith and  
5 respect for freedom, democracy, and free market principles; and

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7                   **Whereas**, Taiwan and the United States have worked hand-in-hand to preserve  
8 peace and stability within the Asia-Pacific region and to help improve the lives of their citizens  
9 and people around the world; and

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11                   **Whereas**, trade between Taiwan and the United States has increased significantly  
12 during the past decades, with the United States being Taiwan's second-largest source of imports  
13 and Taiwan being the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

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15                   **Whereas**, Taiwan is a major trading partner with the United States and also an  
16 important overseas market for United States agricultural products, and given the remarkable  
17 economic performance of Taiwan and the strong purchasing power of its 23 million people, there  
18 are plenty of opportunities to further expand bilateral trade between the United States and  
19 Taiwan; and

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21                   **Whereas**, streamlined foreign investment procedures developed under a Taiwan-  
22 United States free trade agreement would lead to further investment by firms in both Taiwan and  
23 the United States and would create new business opportunities and new jobs; and

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25       **Whereas**, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater  
26 innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint technological development,  
27 practical applications, and new cooperative ventures; and

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29       **Whereas**, a recent study by the United States International Trade Commission  
30 supports the negotiation of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement to further boost trade  
31 between the two countries and serve the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific  
32 region:

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34       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
35 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
36 concurring therein, hereby support the negotiation of a Taiwan-United States free trade  
37 agreement; and

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39       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President  
41 George W. Bush, Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice, Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez of the U.S.  
42 Department of Commerce, Ambassador Rob Portman of the Office of the United States Trade  
43 Representative, each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation, and the Taipei  
44 Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Missouri.