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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri and Republic of China (Taiwan) entered into a sister-state relationship in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Missouri and Taiwan share the values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is Missouri's twenty-second largest trading partner; and

WHEREAS, the bonds of true friendship and a mutually beneficial trade partnership between Missouri and Taiwan have resulted in strong economic, social, and cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, a Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission visited Missouri in September 2017, signed letters of intent to purchase Missouri agricultural commodities, and provided an opportunity for Missouri businesses to build a mutually beneficial trade relationship with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step to further strengthen bilateral trade, which would increase Missouri exports and promote investment in both countries; and

WHEREAS, April 10, 2019, marks the fortieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, 96 Pub. L. 8, which is a United States federal law that built a strong foundation for the United States-Taiwan ties and that assures the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the two countries; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, seeks to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization, International Civil Aviation Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization:

31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the House of
32 Representatives, the One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby praise
33 Taiwan's mature and vital democracy; affirm the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act;
34 celebrate the thirty-ninth anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; welcome even closer
35 bilateral trade and investment ties; and support Taiwan's appropriate participation in
36 international organizations that benefit the health, safety, and well-being of its people; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
39 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for United
40 States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Director General Jerry S. Chang of the Taipei
41 Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado.

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