SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORSE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri and Taiwan have enjoyed a sister-state relationship since 1980; and 2 3 4 WHEREAS, the State of Missouri and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial trade relationship and anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan being Missouri's major 5 6 trading partner in 2023; and 7 8 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2024, Taiwan held its eighth direct presidential election, 9 demonstrating the strength and vitality of its democratic system and confirming Taiwan's 10 status as a beacon of democracy in Asia; and 11 12 WHEREAS, Washington University in St. Louis and National Taiwan University and 13 the University of Missouri-Kansas City and I-Shou University are implementing the Collaborative Program on Mandarin Learning and Teaching, and more academic exchanges 14 15 between Missouri and Taiwan are expected; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States completed the signing of the first of five agreements of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade on June 1, 2023, covering 18 19 areas such as customs administration and trade facilitation, regulatory practices, domestic 20 regulations, anticorruption, and small- and medium-sized enterprises. The second phase of negotiations will be focused on agriculture, harnessing the benefits of digital trade and five 21 22 other areas: and 23 24 WHEREAS, Taiwan as a contributor to peace and stability in the global community, 25 an active provider of international development assistance, and a high tech and green energy manufacturing hub is seeking to meaningfully participate in the United Nations, World Health 26

27 Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the

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28 International Civil Aviation Organization, and the International Criminal Police Organization,

- 29 as well as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity led by the United States:
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31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of 32 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the 33 Senate concurring therein, hereby commend Taiwan's vibrant democracy and celebrate the 34 forty-fourth anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan; and

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Missouri supports further strengthening of 37 Missouri-Taiwan trade relations and academic exchanges; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Missouri supports Taiwan's inclusion in the 40 Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity and in other international organizations that 41 are significant to the health, safety, and well-being of its people and the world; and

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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of 44 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 45 Alexander Tah-ray Yui, Taiwan's representative to the United States.

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