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3 By Senators Smitherman and Beason
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8 COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED
9 STATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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11 WHEREAS, in March of 2008, Taiwan held its fourth
12 direct presidential election and witnessed a peaceful
13 transition of political power, paving the way for Taiwan as a
14 beacon of democracy in Asia and beyond; and

15 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are
16 long-standing allies who both deeply cherish the values of
17 freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and Taiwan have
19 enjoyed long, cordial, and mutually beneficial relations, a
20 friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing
21 year; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' ninth largest
23 trading partner, and the United States is Taiwan's third
24 largest trading partner; and

25 WHEREAS, the Economic Cooperation Framework
26 Agreement between Taiwan and mainland China went into effect
27 in September of 2010, today, the government of Taiwan has

1 committed itself to achieving peace and co-prosperity with
2 mainland China; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the
4 international community with a long history of commitment to
5 international health and humanitarian aid as well as
6 environmental protection; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the members of this body
9 commend and support the democratization efforts of Taiwan and
10 the nation's meaningful participation in the World Health
11 Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization,
12 and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,
13 as well as other international organizations.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body hereby
15 welcomes all opportunities, such as resuming meetings of the
16 United States-Taiwan Trade and Investment Framework Agreement
17 and the inclusion of Taiwan to participate in the United
18 States' Visa Waiver Program, to enhance the special
19 sister-state bond between Alabama and Taiwan, and encourages
20 further cultural, educational, and business exchanges between
21 the citizens of Alabama and Taiwan.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate
23 is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of
24 this resolution to Ms. Anna A. Kao, Director General of the
25 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.