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3 By Senator Orr
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 04-APR-17

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4 ENROLLED, SJR70,

5 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING JEAN-YIH (PETER) CHIOU,
6 DIRECTOR OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN
7 ATLANTA, FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CREATING A
8 CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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10 WHEREAS, a Taiwanese Diplomat, Jean-yih (Peter)
11 Chiou, was assigned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the
12 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta in the United
13 States in 2011, with a desire to create a closer relationship
14 between Taiwan and the State of Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Chiou coordinated the Ministry of
16 Foreign Affairs' donation of 50 thousand US dollars to the
17 Alabama Governor's Emergency Relief Fund for assistance in the
18 reconstruction of Tuscaloosa when the tornado struck in 2011;
19 he also organized a team from the Tzu Chi Foundation, a
20 private Taiwanese charity organization, to assist the people
21 of Tuscaloosa; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Chiou coordinated the
23 reception in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of
24 Sister-State relationship between Alabama and Taiwan and
25 welcoming the visit of Mr. Jung-Tzer Lin, Minister Without

Portfolio, Executive Yuan, and concurrently Governor of Taiwan Province, Republic of China (Taiwan); and

WHEREAS, in October 2015, Mr. Chiou played a pivotal role in facilitating the formation of a "Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency regarding the Mutual Recognition of Driver's Licenses" that allows residents with a Taiwanese driver's license to forgo tests to receive an Alabama driver's license and also allows Alabama's licensed drivers to exchange their state licenses in Taiwan with those issued by that nation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and honor Jean-yih (Peter) Chiou, Taiwanese Diplomat and Director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta, with deep appreciation, for his significant contributions to creating a closer relationship between the State of Alabama and Taiwan and promoting cultural and academic exchanges between the State of Alabama and Taiwan.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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