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8 RECOGNIZING THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT ON ITS 40TH
9 ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we
12 recognize the Taiwan Relations Act on its 40th Anniversary;
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14 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act was enacted in
15 1979; it was created to help improve and maintain peace,
16 security, stability, and policies between the United States
17 and Taiwan; and

18 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act holds a rich
19 historical background; after World War II and the Chinese
20 Civil War, the nation of China was divided into two groups,
21 the Nationalists (Kuomintang, KMT) and the Communists; after
22 the relocation of the Republic of China (ROC) government from
23 Nanjing to Taipei, the Communists assumed control over all of
24 mainland China, establishing the People's Republic of China
25 (PRC); the United States government passed legislation that
26 continued to treat the ROC government as a separate entity,
27 which led to the Taiwan Relations Act being enacted in 1979;

1 after the Taiwan Relations Act was enacted, the term "Republic
2 of China" was no longer used; the Taiwan Relations Act allows
3 the American Institute in Taiwan to serve as a defacto
4 embassy, making Taiwan recognized under United States law as a
5 sovereign entity, regardless of the absence of official
6 diplomatic relations; and

7 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Relations Act is remarkable and
8 is indeed worthy of special recognition; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Taiwan Relations Act is
11 recognized and celebrated on the occasion of its milestone
12 40th Anniversary, and this resolution hereby serves as a
13 tribute to the act.