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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.