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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 10, 2023, as "National Day of the Republic  
2 of China (Taiwan)" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Republic of China was established in China in  
4 1912, and its government relocated to Taiwan in 1949; and

5 WHEREAS, The Republic of China has continued to exercise  
6 jurisdiction over the main island of Taiwan and a number of  
7 outlying islands since 1949, and it observes October 10 as its  
8 National Day; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a diverse, inclusive society, comprised of  
10 Han Chinese, indigenous Malayo-Polynesian peoples and immigrants  
11 from all over the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan's diverse ethnic groups enrich its culture,  
13 and Taiwan's multicultural history is reflected in its dialects,  
14 religions, education and artistic expressions; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the Taiwan  
16 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral  
17 relationship as well as to advance mutual security and  
18 commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan, and

1 the TRA, together with the Six Assurances stipulated by  
2 President Ronald Reagan in 1982, serves as the cornerstone of  
3 United States-Taiwan relations, preserving peace and stability  
4 in the Taiwan Strait; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan has become a resilient, peaceful and  
6 prosperous democracy, as it was ranked as the second-freest  
7 country in Asia by Freedom House in 2022 and shares common  
8 values such as freedom, peace and democracy with the United  
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan plays a key role in global supply chains for  
11 critical industries, and it was ranked seventh in the IMD World  
12 Competitiveness rankings and was the United States' eighth  
13 largest trade partner in 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Taiwan have developed an enduring  
15 and mutually beneficial partnership that facilitates economic,  
16 scientific, educational, cultural and people-to-people  
17 exchanges; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania imported \$1.53 billion in goods from  
19 Taiwan and exported \$545 million to Taiwan in 2022 and reopened  
20 its trade and investment office in Taiwan in 2022, further  
21 enhancing the robust economic relationship between the two  
22 sides; and

23 WHEREAS, Both at home and abroad, the "National Day of the  
24 Republic of China (Taiwan)" is recognized as a celebration of  
25 its achievements in building a better society and strengthening  
26 its freedom, democracy, global competitiveness and economic  
27 stability, while continuing to preserve cross-strait peace and  
28 stability; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
30 10, 2023, as "National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)" in

1 Pennsylvania.