

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a pivotal force for stability in the Indo-Pacific that amplifies
2 the values of democracy, peace, and prosperity by partnering with like-minded countries
3 through integrated diplomacy to address global challenges; and

4 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the United
5 States on a range of issues to promote our common values of freedom, democracy, and
6 human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, since 1985, Louisiana and Taiwan have maintained a sister-state
8 relationship and enjoy particularly close economic ties; and Louisiana and the United States
9 have benefitted immeasurably through decades of unwavering friendship with Taiwan, and
10 the wider world is sure to reap tremendous rewards as Taiwan works to enhance its presence
11 in the international community.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 express support for strengthening our partnership with Taiwan, for the expansion of Taiwan's
14 role on the global stage, and for its efforts to preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait
15 through meaningful dialogue.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana supports a tax
17 agreement between the United States and Taiwan and supports the goals of the Critical
18 Undersea Infrastructure Resilience Initiative Act to prioritize the protection and resilience
19 of undersea cables near Taiwan, with a focus on countering gray zone tactics from the
20 People's Republic of China, and maintains that United Nations General Assembly Resolution
21 2758 cannot be used to exclude Taiwan from participation in the United Nations System and
22 other international fora such as the International Civil Aviation Organization, the
23 International Criminal Police Organization, and the United Nations Framework Convention
24 on Climate Change.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana celebrates the
26 forty-seventh anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act and the forty-first anniversary of the
27 sister-state relationship between the state of Louisiana and Taiwan.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston.

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