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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Given the important role Taiwan plays in commercial  
2 aviation and the global economy, it is vital that it participate as  
3 an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization and  
4 the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year, more than 174,000 international flights  
6 carry 35 million passengers to and from Taiwan, and its airports  
7 handle more than 1.5 million tons of air cargo; the Taipei Flight  
8 Information Region annually provides traffic control services for  
9 more than 1.3 million flights, including one of the world's busiest  
10 air routes, which connects Northeast and Southeast Asia; and

11           WHEREAS, Civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting  
12 cultural exchange, business, trade, and tourism, and Taiwan can  
13 make important contributions to the ICAO, which serves to develop  
14 international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner; in  
15 addition, through its participation as an observer in the United  
16 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Taiwan can help  
17 further the goal of the ICAO to address the impact of greenhouse gas  
18 emissions from international aviation on the global climate; Taiwan  
19 is the world's 20th largest economy, and observer status in the  
20 UNFCCC would allow it to share with other countries its experiences  
21 in responding to climate change; and

22           WHEREAS, Meaningful participation by Taiwan as an observer in  
23 the meetings and activities of the International Civil Aviation  
24 Organization will enhance efforts to improve safety regulations and

1 procedures and to develop a global strategy to address aviation  
2 security threats; moreover, its participation as an observer in the  
3 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will  
4 contribute greatly to global efforts aimed at reducing and  
5 preventing natural disasters; now, therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby endorse Taiwan's participation as an observer in  
8 the International Civil Aviation Organization and the United  
9 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.