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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas and Taiwan are celebrating the 25th
2 anniversary of their Sister State relationship in 2013, and to mark
3 this occasion, Steve Hsia is visiting the Capitol on April 11, 2013,
4 in his capacity as director general of the Taipei Economic and
5 Cultural Office in Houston; and

6 WHEREAS, Promoting mutually advantageous connections, the
7 Sister State relationship stems from the Sister Cities
8 International initiative created by President Dwight
9 D. Eisenhower; the program advances peace and prosperity through
10 cultural, educational, humanitarian, and economic development
11 efforts; and

12 WHEREAS, Texas and Taiwan initiated their Sister State
13 Agreement on June 13, 1988, and since that time, the resulting bonds
14 of friendship and goodwill have provided myriad benefits; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2011, Texas exports to Taiwan reached \$3.6
16 billion, representing more than a 40 percent increase over the
17 course of a two-year span; Taiwan ranks as our state's ninth largest
18 export market; and

19 WHEREAS, Major Texas exports to Taiwan include electronics,
20 chemicals, machinery, and petroleum and coal products; moreover,
21 Texas has attracted investment from many Taiwanese companies, among
22 them Formosa Plastics, Foxconn, Inventec, Eva Air, and Yang Ming;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Under the direction of Director General Steve Hsia,

1 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston promotes
2 exchanges and cooperation in trade, investment, science,
3 technology, culture, education, and tourism; the office also serves
4 the interests of the many Taiwanese citizens living and traveling
5 in the area and provides consular services to those in need; and

6 WHEREAS, For a quarter-century, the Sister State
7 relationship between Texas and Taiwan has strengthened cultural and
8 economic ties, and the vibrant partnership it has fostered will
9 continue to enhance prosperity in the years to come; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Sister
13 State relationship between Texas and Taiwan and extend to Director
14 General Steve Hsia of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
15 Houston sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and productive visit
16 to the State Capitol; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Hsia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.