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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, the Republic of China, which was founded by Dr. Sun
2 Yat-Sen in 1912, was the first republic in Asia and this year will mark
3 the one hundredth year anniversary of the founding of the Republic of
4 China; and

5 WHEREAS, for more than several decades, the Republic of China
6 has worked to establish itself as a strong and successful model of
7 democracy and Taiwan has steadfastly valued and maintained its
8 friendship with the United States and particularly with the state of
9 Connecticut; and

10 WHEREAS, through Cross-Strait dialogues, the establishment of the
11 Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with Mainland
12 China and a policy of flexible diplomacy, that were implemented by
13 the government under President Ma Ying-Jeou, Taiwan has
14 transformed itself from a major international flashpoint to a
15 cornerstone for peace and prosperity in East Asia; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the ninth most important trading partner of,
17 and one of the strongest economic partners with, the United States;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the United States assisted Taiwan in participating in the
20 World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer in May of 2009, and
21 will continue supporting Taiwan's participation in other United
22 Nations-affiliated organizations for economic development such as the
23 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United
24 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

25 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 100 million dollars
26 worth of products to Taiwan in 2010, making Taiwan one of the major
27 foreign markets for Connecticut in 2010, further strengthening our
28 economic ties; and

29 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut is home to a growing overseas
30 Chinese-Taiwanese community and Connecticut has maintained a
31 friendly and productive sister-state relationship encompassing many
32 cultural, educational and economic exchanges with Taiwan for many
33 years.

34 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body
35 pause in its deliberations to commemorate the one hundredth
36 anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China, and to express
37 and record its strong commitment to a closer economic partnership
38 with Taiwan; and

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent
40 to President Ma Ying-Jeou of the Republic of China through the Taipei
41 Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

GAE *House Favorable*