

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 40

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution celebrating the thirty-second
9 anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between
10 the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan; welcoming the
11 Honorable Director General Daniel Liao to the
12 Oklahoma State Senate; endorsing the proposition that
13 Taiwan join the United States Visa Waiver Program and
14 participate as observer in the International Civil
15 Aviation Organization and United Nations Framework
16 Convention on Climate Change; and directing
17 distribution.

18 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan initiated a Sister
19 State Agreement on July 25, 1980, have enjoyed the benefits of the
20 bonds of friendship and goodwill since that time, and now prepare to
21 celebrate their thirty-second anniversary in 2012; and

22 WHEREAS, Daniel Liao assumed his post as Director General of the
23 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston on January 16, 2012,
24 and he graciously visits the Senate of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has extended visa waivers to the United States
since 1993, and American Institute in Taiwan announced Taiwan has

1 | been nominated for inclusion in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program on
2 | December 22, 2011; and

3 | WHEREAS, Taiwan is recognized as a nation with exemplary
4 | economic and environmental progress, including substantial progress
5 | in the aviation industry for many years; and great advantages would
6 | result in Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation
7 | Organization (ICAO) and United Nations Framework Convention on
8 | Climate Change (UNFCCC).

9 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
10 | OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 | THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby celebrates the thirty-
12 | second anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between the
13 | State of Oklahoma and Taiwan, welcomes the Honorable Director
14 | General Daniel Liao to the Oklahoma State Senate, and endorses the
15 | proposition that Taiwan join the United States Visa Waiver Program
16 | and participate as observer in the International Civil Aviation
17 | Organization and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
18 | Change.

19 | THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Daniel Liao,
20 | Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
21 | Houston.

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