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1 A concurrent resolution endorsing Taiwan's participation as an observer in the International Civil  
2 Aviation Organization and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

3 **WHEREAS**, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business,  
4 trade, and tourism; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the development of international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner is  
6 the supreme cause of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

7 **WHEREAS**, with an excellent geographic location, Taiwan is a key aviation hub for regions  
8 in northeastern and southeastern Asia; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), bordering the FIRs of Fukuoka,  
10 Manila, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, includes 14 international airways and 4 domestic airways,  
11 providing services for more than 1 million flights per year; and

12 **WHEREAS**, each year, 40 million travelers enter, leave, or pass through the Taipei FIR,  
13 making Taiwan a key part of air navigation in East Asia; and

14 **WHEREAS**, currently, more than 50 domestic and foreign airlines operate flights from  
15 Taiwan to 110 cities in the world and the annual number of passengers on international flights is  
16 approximately 30 million; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the number of international passengers at Taiwan's largest airport--  
18 Taoyuan International Airport--ranks 16th worldwide, while international cargo ranks 9th, making  
19 Taiwan one of the busiest airspaces in the world; and

20 **WHEREAS**, without Taiwan's participation, international flight plans, regulations, and  
21 procedure that the ICAO formulates will be incomplete and unsafe; and

22 **WHEREAS**, as an island in the Pacific Ocean, Taiwan is imperiled by rising sea levels and  
23 the ravages of extreme weather; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's exclusion from meaningful participation in United Nations Framework  
25 Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has been to the detriment of both the Taiwanese

1 people and the global community as Taiwan not only has the means but also incentive to make  
2 a meaningful contribution; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's request to participate in the ICAO and the UNFCCC is fully in line with  
4 the United States government's policy of supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in United  
5 Nation's specialized agencies;

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**  
7 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

8 That the North Dakota Legislative Assembly endorses Taiwan's participation in the ICAO as  
9 an observer; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that that the North Dakota Legislative Assembly is  
11 supportive of all efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the UNFCCC and as a  
12 collaborative partner of the United States on a wide range of public issues, Taiwan should be  
13 afforded the opportunity to participate in global efforts aimed at reducing and preventing natural  
14 disasters; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the copies of this resolution be sent to the United States  
16 Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the United States  
17 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, each member of the North Dakota  
18 Congressional Delegation, and the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office  
19 in Kansas City.