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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of a

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sister state relationship with Taiwan.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the Republic of China is of great strategic importance in the  
9 defense of East Asia and the Pacific; and

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WHEREAS the Republic of China has developed a prosperous and success-  
11 ful free economy while surmounting great difficulties; and

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WHEREAS Alaskans share the same spirit and economic goals as the  
13 Taiwanese; and

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WHEREAS the United States government has encouraged people-to-people  
15 contacts since 1956 when President Eisenhower began that program; and

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WHEREAS the City of Fairbanks has had a sister city relationship with  
17 the City of Tainan, Taiwan, Republic of China since August 1982; and

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WHEREAS the people of the province of Taiwan have established them-  
19 selves as great producers of products sold in the world market and Alaska  
20 is the source of many of the raw materials required for those products; and

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WHEREAS the Republic of China has been a loyal ally of the United  
22 States for more than 70 years; and

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WHEREAS a sister state relationship with strong economic ties is in  
24 the mutual interest of Taiwan and Alaska;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that an invitation be  
26 extended to the people of Taiwan through their Provincial Legislature to be  
27 a sister state with the State of Alaska, with strong social, educational,  
28 economic, and cultural exchange programs; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Alaska and Taiwan should work

1 closely together to improve international goodwill and understanding.  
2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. Teng-hui Lee, Governor  
3 of Taiwan and to Yu-jen Kao, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature of  
4 Taiwan; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,  
5 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
6 the Alaska delegation in Congress.