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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION -

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Relating to establishment of a sister

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state relationship with Taiwan.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS the people of Taiwan have developed a prosperous and success-

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ful free economy while surmounting great difficulties; and

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WHEREAS Alaskans share the same spirit and economic goals as the

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people of Taiwan; and

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WHEREAS the people-to-people program initiated by President Eisenhower

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in 1956, was designed to bring the people of the world closer together in

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the interest of peace; and

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WHEREAS the City of Fairbanks has had a sister city relationship with

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the City of Tainan, Taiwan since August 1982; and

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WHEREAS the people of Taiwan have established themselves as great

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producers of products sold in the world market; and

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WHEREAS Alaska is the source of many of the raw materials required for

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those products; and

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WHEREAS a sister state relationship with strong economic ties is in

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the mutual interest of Taiwan and Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the House of Representatives of the Alaska State Legislature

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in the Thirteenth State Legislature adopted a Joint Resolution that an

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invitation be extended to the people of Taiwan through the Provincial

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Legislature to establish a sister state relationship with Taiwan;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that it is the sense of

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the House that an invitation from the people of Taiwan through their

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Provincial Legislature to be a sister state with the State of Alaska, with

1 strong social, educational, economic, and cultural exchange programs would  
2 be well received; and be it

3       FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense of the House that the people of  
4 Alaska and Taiwan should work closely together to improve international  
5 goodwill and understanding.

6       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Chiu Chuang-huan, Governor  
7 of Taiwan and to Yu-jen Kao, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature of  
8 Taiwan; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,  
9 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
10 the Alaska delegation in Congress.