

House Concurrent Resolution No. 24

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOSKINS (Sponsor), DIEHL, HOUGH, RIZZO,
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1 **WHEREAS**, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business,
2 trade and tourism; and

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

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

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

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

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

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21 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the number of international passengers at Taiwan's largest airport
22 – Taoyuan International Airport – ranked 16th worldwide, while international cargo ranked 9th,
23 making Taiwan one of the busiest airspaces in the world; and

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

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

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31 **WHEREAS**, it is apparent that to overcome the challenges posed by such an immense
32 undertaking as climate change, there must be concerted effort and cooperation among the world
33 citizenry; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's exclusion from meaningful participation in UNFCCC has been
36 to the detriment of both the Taiwanese people and the global community as Taiwan not only has
37 the means but also incentive to make a meaningful contribution; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's request to participate in the International Civil Aviation
40 Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
41 (UNFCCC) is fully in line with the United States government's policy of supporting Taiwan's
42 meaningful participation in United Nations specialized agencies:

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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Missouri House
45 of Representatives, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
46 concurring therein, endorse Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation
47 Organization (ICAO) as an observer; and

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49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly is supportive of
50 all efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the United Nations Framework Convention
51 on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and, as a collaborative partner of the United States on a wide
52 range of public issues, Taiwan should be afforded the opportunity to participate in global efforts
53 aimed at reducing and preventing natural disasters; and

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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
56 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
57 United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator
58 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, each member of the Missouri
59 Congressional delegation, and the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
60 in Kansas City.

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