HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4651, by Representative Santos

WHEREAS, The people of Washington share a rich cultural history with a strong bond with our global neighbors in Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Washington is the proud home of more than 100,000 Taiwanese Americans who are integral to the diverse fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have profoundly impacted our state and continue to further the democratic values that define Washington as an international beacon of opportunity and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Washingtonians recognize the generations of resilience, sacrifice, and hope demonstrated by Taiwanese immigrants and their descendants in their innumerable contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington enjoys a more vibrant heritage and economy from the bilateral cultivation of these deep ties with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, The investment of Taiwanese companies in Washington has produced abundant growth in trade and jobs in the agriculture, manufacturing, and technology sectors; and

WHEREAS, Washingtonians honor our Taiwanese American neighbors, friends, teachers, small business owners, entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders who are shaping the future of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the mutual friendship, history, and successes shared between the people of Washington state and the people of Taiwan and hereby honor the past, present, and ongoing nature of this valued partnership.