**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REPRESENTATIVE BI-KHIM HSIAO FOR HER SERVICE AS THE TAIWANESE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO WELCOME HER TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE.

Whereas, Representative Hsiao was born in Kobe, Japan and grew up in Tainan, Taiwan. She has an MA in Political Science from Columbia University in New York and a BA in East Asian Studies from Oberlin College in Ohio; and

Whereas, before she assumed her position as Taiwan’s Representative to the United States in July 2020, Representative Hsiao served as a Senior Adviser to the President at the National Security Council of Taiwan. She has also served four terms in the Taiwan Legislature, as a ranking member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, and as chair of the USA Caucus in the Legislative Yuan; and

Whereas, Representative Hsiao began her political career serving as Director of the Democratic Progressive Party International Affairs Department. After Taiwan’s first democratic change of government in 2000, she became an Adviser in the Office of the President as well as an international spokesperson and a founding Board Member of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. She was also the Chair of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats and the Vice President of the Bureau of Liberal International; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate Representative Hsiao’s dedication in serving the people of Taiwan and the United States. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Representative Hsiao for her service as the Taiwanese Representative to the United States and welcome her to the South Carolina Senate.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Representative Bi-Khim Hsiao.

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