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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 10, 2023, as "Taiwan National Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Taiwanese culture is derived from many influences,  
4 including Aboriginal peoples, Chinese immigrants, western  
5 colonial rule, Chinese governance, Japanese rule and  
6 westernization since World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, "Taiwan National Day," also known as "Double Ten  
8 Day," reflects Taiwan's multicultural history; and

9 WHEREAS, The day commemorates the beginning of the Wuchang  
10 Uprising in China on October 10, 1911; and

11 WHEREAS, The Wuchang Uprising led to the Xinhai Revolution  
12 and an end to the two millennia of imperial rule; and

13 WHEREAS, Prior to the uprising, the Qing Dynasty forced  
14 native Taiwanese people out of their homeland; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite making up 2.3% of the Taiwanese population  
16 today, native Taiwanese people have left an indelible mark on  
17 Taiwanese culture; and

18 WHEREAS, Taiwan's diverse population is composed of four

1 ethnic groups: Aboriginal peoples, two groups of Taiwanese, the  
2 Hoklo and the Hakka, and individuals who emigrated from mainland  
3 China in the mid-1940s; and

4 WHEREAS, Their influences are displayed in Taiwan's many  
5 languages, dialects, religions and cultural and artistic  
6 expressions; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2021, there were more than 374,000 Taiwanese  
8 individuals living in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Both abroad and at home, "Taiwan National Day" is  
10 recognized as a celebration of Taiwan's multicultural identity;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Celebrations of "Taiwan National Day" begin with the  
13 raising of the flag of the Republic of China and singing of the  
14 National Anthem, followed by displays by uniformed servicemen,  
15 parades, an air show and performances of Taiwanese and Chinese  
16 culture; and

17 WHEREAS, The events culminate in a grand fireworks display  
18 accompanied by live music performances by Taiwanese artists; and

19 WHEREAS, Foreign ambassadors and dignitaries are also invited  
20 to attend these celebrations honoring Taiwan's history and  
21 multicultural identity; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
23 10, 2023, as "Taiwan National Day" in Pennsylvania.