**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE HER EXCELLENCY DR. TSAI ING‑WEN, THE FOURTEENTH‑TERM PRESIDENT AND FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA; AND CHEN CHIEN‑JEN, NEWLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT, UPON THEIR RECENT ELECTION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were pleased to learn that the Central Election Commission of the Republic of China announced on January 16, 2016, that Dr. Tsai Ing‑wen and Chen Chien‑jen had been elected on the Democratic Progressive Party ticket to serve as president and vice president of Taiwan with a voter turnout of 66.2 percent; and

Whereas, the Democratic Progressive Party received 6,894,744 votes at 56.12 percent, defeating the Kuomintang candidates with 3,813,365 votes at 31.04 percent, and the People First Party with 1,576,861 votes at 12.83 percent; and

Whereas, in the Legislative Yuan elections, the Democratic Progressive Party won sixty‑eight seats of the one hundred thirteen total seats, while the Kuomintang took thirty‑five, the New Power Party captured five seats, the People First Party three, and the Non‑Partisan Solidarity Union one; one independent candidate was also elected; and

Whereas, President Tsai and her great country are to be commended for carrying on the tradition of democracy, and the people of our State extend to her and to Vice President Chen Chien‑jen hardiest congratulations upon their election to serve the people of Taiwan; and

Whereas, a close bond has always existed between our two countries, and the inauguration of President Tsai as the first female to be elected president of Taiwan further solidifies the special relationship that has existed through the years between the United States and Taiwan. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, hereby congratulate her Excellency Dr. Tsai Ing‑wen, the fourteenth‑term president and first female President of Taiwan, Republic of China; and Chen Chien‑jen, the newly elected vice president, upon their recent election.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Tsai Ing‑wen and Vice President Chen Chien‑jen of the Republic of China.

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