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## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Westmont and the Taiwanese county of Hsinchu on the establishment of a Sister Cities program; the mission of the sister cities program is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation - one individual, one community at at time; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Westmont is a community located approximately 22 miles west of the Chicago Loop, named because it is the highest point of elevation on the Burlington-Northern railroad west of Chicago; the county of Hsinchu is located in northwestern Taiwan and is often called the Hsinchu Technology Zone, as it is the location of many computer companies and factories; the relationship between the Village of Westmont and the Taiwanese community began over two decades ago; during the last several years, the partnership has blossomed into a genuine friendship; and

WHEREAS, The goals of this Sister City program are cultural exchange, educational exchange, municipal exchange, and economic development; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

- 1 congratulate the Village of Westmont and Hsinchu on the
- 2 establishment of a Sister City program, and wish them many more
- 3 years of continued friendship and success; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 5 delivered to the Village Board of Westmont and the Taipei
- 6 Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago.