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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF AND REFERENCES TO TAI-4 WAN REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE.

5 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy
6 of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations
7 Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) and the Six Assurances, to
8 provide the people of Taiwan with de facto diplomatic

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treatment equivalent to foreign countries, nations, states,
 governments, or similar entities, and, consistent with this
 policy, to rename the "Taipei Economic and Cultural Rep resentative Office" in the United States as the "Taiwan
 Representative Office".

6 (b) RENAMING.—The Secretary of State shall seek
7 to enter into negotiations with the Taipei Economic and
8 Cultural Representative Office to rename its office in
9 Washington, D.C., the "Taiwan Representative Office".

10 (c) REFERENCES.—If the Taipei Economic and Cul-11 tural Representative Office is designated as the Taiwan 12 Representative Office, any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United 13 States Government to the Taipei Economic and Cultural 14 Representative Office shall be deemed to be a reference 15 to the Taiwan Representative Office, including for all offi-16 17 cial purposes of the United States Government, all courts of the United States, and any proceedings therein. 18

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as entailing restoration of diplomatic relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan) or
altering the position of the United States with respect to
the international status of Taiwan.