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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 154

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 1996

Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its first direct and democratic presidential election and the inauguration of its president.

Whereas March 23, 1996, was the first time in the history of the Republic of China on Taiwan that a presidential election was held through direct popular vote by the people of Taiwan;

Whereas the election was held under great difficulties caused by extensive military threats from the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas the presidential inauguration will be held on  
May 20, 1996, and should be honored: Now, there-  
fore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That—*

3           (1) the Congress congratulates the people of  
4       Taiwan on holding their first direct and democratic  
5       presidential election;

6           (2) the United States continues its commitment  
7       to move nations toward freedom and democracy; and

8           (3) the United States is committed to encourag-  
9       ing and protecting its democratic friends on Taiwan,  
10       within the framework of the Taiwan Relations Act.  
Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 1996.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*

By LINDA NAVE,

*Deputy Clerk.*