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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Affirming the United States commitment to Taiwan.

Whereas at no time since the establishment of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949, has Taiwan been under the control of the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the United States began its long, peaceful, friendly relationship with Taiwan in 1949;

Whereas since the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, the policy of the United States has been based on

the expectation that the further relationship between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan would be determined by peaceful means;

Whereas in March 1996, the People's Republic of China held provocative military maneuvers including missile launch exercises in the Taiwan Strait, in an attempt to intimidate the people of Taiwan during their historic, free, and democratic Presidential election;

Whereas officials of the People's Republic of China refuse to renounce the use of force against democratic Taiwan;

Whereas Taiwan has achieved significant political and economic strength as one of the world's premier democracies and as the 19th largest economy in the world;

Whereas Taiwan is the 7th largest trading partner of the United States;

Whereas no agreements exist between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan that determine the future status of Taiwan; and

Whereas the House of Representatives passed a resolution by a vote of 411–0 in June 1998 urging the President to seek, during his recent summit meeting in Beijing, a public renunciation by the People's Republic of China of any use of force, or threat of use of force, against democratic Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) affirms its longstanding commitment to  
4        Taiwan and the people of Taiwan in accordance with  
5        the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8);

1           (2) affirms its expectation, consistent with the  
2           Taiwan Relations Act, that the future status of Tai-  
3           wan will be determined by peaceful means, and that  
4           the people of both sides of the Taiwan Strait should  
5           determine their own future, and considers any effort  
6           to determine or influence the future status of Tai-  
7           wan by other than peaceful means a threat to the  
8           peace and security of the Western Pacific region and  
9           of grave concern to the United States;

10          (3) affirms its commitment, consistent with the  
11          Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan  
12          such defense articles and defense services, including  
13          appropriate ballistic missile defenses, in such quan-  
14          tities as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to main-  
15          tain a sufficient self-defense capability;

16          (4) affirms its commitment, consistent with the  
17          Taiwan Relations Act, that only the President and  
18          Congress shall determine the nature and quantity of  
19          defense articles and services for Taiwan based solely  
20          upon their judgment of the defensive needs of Tai-  
21          wan;

22          (5) urges the President, once again, to seek a  
23          public renunciation by the People's Republic of  
24          China of any use of force, or threat of use of force,  
25          against the free people of Taiwan; and

1           (6) affirms its strong support, in accordance  
2           with the spirit of the Taiwan Relations Act, of ap-  
3           propriate membership for Taiwan in international fi-  
4           nancial institutions and other international organiza-  
5           tions.

Passed the House of Representatives July 20, 1998.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*