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Urging the President to make clear to the People's Republic of China the commitment of the American people to security and democracy on Taiwan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COX of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. ROYCE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Urging the President to make clear to the People's Republic of China the commitment of the American people to security and democracy on Taiwan.

Whereas the American people have long enjoyed strong ties with the people of Taiwan;

Whereas the people of Taiwan have triumphed in establishing a stable and secure democracy with free press, free elections, vibrant trade unions, and open trading practices;

Whereas the American people, through the Taiwan Relations Act, made clear the firm commitment of the United States to Taiwan's continued security;

Whereas it is in the national interest of the United States to provide improved defense systems to Taiwan, especially anti-missile defense systems;

Whereas it is the stated policy of the United States Government to acknowledge the view of the Chinese people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait that there is but one China;

Whereas it is the clear position of the majority of the people of Taiwan that reunification with the communist People's Republic of China will not occur until the People's Republic of China offers its people economic freedom and political democracy with attendant human rights;

Whereas United States economic ties with Taiwan continue to grow in importance: Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States, in contrast to the People's Republic of China with which the United States suffers a nearly \$40,000,000,000 trade deficit due to the relatively closed and inaccessible market of the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the Congress of the United States has stated its support for prompt accession to the World Trade Organization by Taiwan; and

Whereas the President of the United States is scheduled to meet with the leadership of the People's Republic of China in Washington in late October 1997: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Congress encourages the President
- 2 to make clear to the leadership of the People's Republic
- 3 of China the firm commitment of the American people to
- 4 security and democracy for the people of Taiwan and that
- 5 the United States fully expects that the resolution of secu-

- 1 rity issues on both sides of the Taiwan Strait will be re-
- 2 solved by peaceful means.

