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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic
presidential elections in March 2008.

Whereas the United States and Taiwan share common ideals
and a clear vision for the 21st century, where freedom
and democracy are the foundations for peace, prosperity,
and progress;

Whereas Taiwan has dramatically improved its record on
human rights and routinely holds free and fair elections
in a multiparty system, as evidenced by

Taiwan's first democratic presidential election in 1996, second in 2000, and third in 2004;

Whereas the democratic and open presidential elections in 2000 mark the first transfer of power from one party to another in Taiwan's history;

Whereas Taiwan has demonstrated its unequivocal support for human rights and a commitment to the democratic ideals of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, rule of law, and free and fair elections routinely held in a multiparty system;

Whereas Taiwan is one of the strongest democratic allies of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas it is United States policy to support and strengthen democracy around the world;

Whereas, with its stable democratic system and impressive economic prowess, Taiwan stands apart from many equally young democracies whose freedom and liberty have been severely challenged; and

Whereas the United States Congress has organized congressional delegations to witness the electoral process in thriving democracies, including elections in Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—
- 3 (1) the United States Government should reaffirm its unwavering commitment to Taiwan's democracy and security; and

(2) international delegations should be encouraged to visit Taiwan for the purpose of witnessing the presidential elections in March 2008.

Passed the House of Representatives March 5, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.