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Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the peace and security
of Taiwan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the
peace and security of Taiwan.

Whereas peace and stability in the Taiwan Straits is in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States as specified in the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8), signed into law in 1979;

Whereas United States interests are served by supporting democracy abroad;

Whereas Taiwan is a model emerging democracy, with its first presidential elections scheduled for March of 1996;

Whereas the 21,000,000 peace-loving people of Taiwan are eager to join the international community;

Whereas in July and August of 1995, the People's Republic of China carried out a series of surface-to-surface ballistic missiles, live artillery, and joint air and sea forces combat exercises in the seas 80 miles off the coast of Taiwan;

Whereas the People's Republic of China vows to hold more rounds of military exercises;

Whereas these combat exercises caused serious concern for the safety and security of the people of Taiwan, as well as that of the Western Pacific region;

Whereas the People's Republic of China continues to threaten to use force against Taiwan for various reasons, including the pending election in Taiwan of its first president; and

Whereas in accordance with the Taiwan Relations Act, the United States is obliged to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) declares that any attempt by the People's
4 Republic of China to threaten the peace and security
5 of Taiwan is a threat to peace and security in the
6 Pacific and tantamount to a threat to the interests
7 of the United States;

8 (2) calls upon the President of the United
9 States to review the defense needs of Taiwan, in ac-

1 cordance with the Taiwan Relations Act, and to take
2 appropriate actions based on such review; and

3 (3) affirms that it is the right of the people of
4 Taiwan to determine the future status of Taiwan
5 without any interference from the People's Republic
6 of China.

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