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Relating to the future status of Taiwan after Hong Kong's transfer to the People's Republic of China on July 1, 1997.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTSCH (for himself and Mr. CHABOT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Hong Kong was acquired by the British in 1898 and leased from China for 99 years;

Whereas the treaty through which the Hong Kong territory was leased from China expires on July 1, 1997, at which time Hong Kong will be returned to the People's Republic of China;

Whereas Beijing has vowed to implement the "one country, two systems" formula on Hong Kong after its transfer; and

Whereas no treaties between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan exist which determine the future status of

Taiwan and, unlike Hong Kong, Taiwan has been de facto independent since 1949: 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 transfer of Hong Kong to the People's
 4 Republic of China does not alter the current and fu-
 5 ture status of Taiwan as a free and de facto inde-
 6 pendent country; and

7 (2) the future of Taiwan should be determined
 8 by peaceful means through a democratic process in
 9 accordance with the principle of self-determination,
 10 as outlined in the Charter of the United Nations.

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