

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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 future 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 nineteenth largest economy in the world;

Whereas Taiwan is the seventh largest trading partner of the United States and imports more than twice as much an-

nually from the United States as does the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas no treaties exist between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan that determine the future status of Taiwan: Now therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
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);

6 (2) affirms its expectation, consistent with the
7 Taiwan Relations Act, that the future of Taiwan will
8 be determined by peaceful means, and considers any
9 effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other
10 than peaceful means a threat to the peace and security
11 of the Western Pacific and of grave concern to
12 the United States;

13 (3) affirms its commitment, consistent with the
14 Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan
15 such defense articles and defense services in such
16 quantities as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to
17 maintain a sufficient self-defense capability;

18 (4) affirms its commitment, consistent with the
19 Taiwan Relations Act, that only the President and
20 Congress shall determine the nature and quantity of

1 defense articles and services for Taiwan based solely
2 upon their judgment of the needs of Taiwan; and

3 (5) urges the President of the United States to
4 seek a public renunciation by the People's Republic
5 of China of any use of force, or threat to use force,
6 against democratic Taiwan.

Passed the Senate July 10, 1998.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Affirming United States commitments under the
Taiwan Relations Act.