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Acknowledging the positive role of Taiwan in the current Asian financial crisis and affirming the support of the American people for peace and stability on the Taiwan Strait and security for Taiwan's democracy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 1998

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the positive role of Taiwan in the current Asian financial crisis and affirming the support of the American people for peace and stability on the Taiwan Strait and security for Taiwan's democracy.

Whereas the American people desire strong relations with the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait;

Whereas it is the policy of the United States Government to take all necessary action to ensure peace and stability on the Taiwan Strait, while continuing mutually beneficial trade relations with Taiwan's vibrant economy;

Whereas the American people have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment toward democracy for the people of Taiwan;

Whereas Taiwan serves as a model democracy in the region having successfully held free and fair elections at the local and national level;

Whereas the American people seek to promote economic stability and growth amidst the current financial turmoil in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas Taiwan's economy has weathered the current Asian financial crisis better than other nations in the region;

Whereas Taiwan has proposed to use its foreign exchange reserves, through its membership in the Asian Pacific Economic Community (APEC), to help stabilize the economies of many of its neighbors;

Whereas Taiwan has expressed its willingness to provide financial assistance to its neighbors;

Whereas in the spring of 1996, the political leadership of the People's Republic of China used 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 the people of Taiwan;

Whereas the use of force, and the threat to use force, by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan exacerbates regional financial uncertainties;

Whereas the President of the United States is expected to travel to Beijing in June 1998 to discuss the common interests of the United States, Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas senior United States executive branch officials have again recently called upon the People's Republic of China to renounce any use of force against 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 the
3 President of the United States should seek, at the June
4 summit meeting this year in Beijing, a public renunciation
5 by the People's Republic of China of any use of force, or
6 threat to use force, against democratic Taiwan.

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