

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 335

Expressing the sense of Congress that if the People's Republic of China attacks, invades, or imposes a blockade on Taiwan, the United States will respond vigorously, including but not limited to revoking normal trade relations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. COX) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas article XXI of the GATT 1994 (as defined in section 2(1)(B) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3501(1)(B)) allows a member of the World Trade Organization to take "any action which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security inter-

ests,” particularly “in time of war or other emergency in international relations”; and

Whereas an attack on, invasion of, or blockade of Taiwan by the People’s Republic of China would constitute a threat to the essential security interests of the United States and an emergency in international relations: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that if  
3 the People’s Republic of China attacks, invades, or im-  
4 poses a blockade on Taiwan, then pursuant to article XXI  
5 of the GATT 1994 and existing statutory authority includ-  
6 ing the International Emergency Economic Powers Act  
7 (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the United States should and  
8 would immediately revoke nondiscriminatory treatment  
9 (normal trade relations treatment) for the products of the  
10 People’s Republic of China, and should and would imme-  
11 diately respond with all economic and military measures  
12 necessary in such circumstances.

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