## 107TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. CON. RES. 135

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Whereas for more than 50 years, a close relationship has existed between the United States and Taiwan, which has been of enormous economic, cultural, and strategic advantage to both countries;

Whereas the United States and Taiwan share common ideals and a vision for the 21st century;

Whereas freedom and democracy are the strongest foundations for peace and prosperity;

Whereas Taiwan has demonstrated an improved record on human rights and a commitment to democratic ideals of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and free and fair elections routinely held in a multiparty system, as evidenced by the March 18, 2000, election of Chen Shuibian as Taiwan's new president; and

Whereas the upcoming May 21, 2001, visit to the United States by President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan is another significant opportunity to broaden and strengthen the friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate 2 concurring), That the Congress—
- 3 (1) warmly welcomes President Chen Shui-bian
  4 of Taiwan upon his visit to the United States;
- 5 (2) requests President Chen Shui-bian to com-6 municate to the people of Taiwan the support of the 7 Congress and of the people of the United States;
- 8 and
- 9 (3) recognizes that the visit of President Chen 10 Shui-bian to the United States is another significant 11 opportunity to broaden and strengthen the friend-

- 1 ship and cooperation between the United States and
- 2 Taiwan.

Passed the House of Representatives May 17, 2001.

Attest:

Clerk.

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Expressing the sense of the Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States.