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H. CON. RES. 135

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHAFFER (for himself, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KING, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. FRANK, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. RILEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. FALCONE, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. HOEFFEL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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 Shui-bian as Taiwan's new president;

Whereas President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan visited the United States on August 13, 2000, when several Members of Congress expressed interest in meeting with President Chen Shui-bian during his layover in Los Angeles, California, en route to Latin America;

Whereas the meeting with President Chen Shui-bian did not take place because of pressure from Washington and Beijing;

Whereas the Congress thereby lost the opportunity to communicate directly with President Chen Shui-bian about developments in the Asia-Pacific region and key elements of the relationship between the United States and Taiwan; 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 relations 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;

1 (2) requests President Chen Shui-bian to com-
2 municate to the people of Taiwan the support of the
3 Congress and of the people of the United States;
4 and

5 (3) recognizes that the visit of President Chen
6 Shui-bian to the United States is a significant step
7 toward broadening and deepening the friendship and
8 cooperation between the United States and Taiwan.

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