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# H. CON. RES. 194

Expressing the sense of Congress to encourage full participation in the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself and Mr. CHABOT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress to encourage full participation in the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

Whereas the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation forum meets annually to afford leaders of APEC's twenty-one members the opportunity to discuss mutual interests in economic security and expanded commerce;

Whereas this year's APEC forum is scheduled to be held October 19–21, 2001, in Shanghai, China, and will be attended by President George W. Bush and President Jiang Zemin;

Whereas Taiwan enjoys a robust trading relationship with the United States, importing significantly more goods from

the United States than does the People's Republic of China;

Whereas Taiwan possesses the seventh largest trading economy and ninth largest gross domestic product in the APEC consortium, contributing significantly to economic stability and commercial expansion across the region;

Whereas bilateral trade and direct investment across the Taiwan Strait has dramatically increased in recent years;

Whereas Taiwan's democratically elected leaders have offered to meet for dialogue with leaders of the People's Republic of China at "any time, any place on any topics";

Whereas it is demonstrably in the national security interests of the United States for the leaders across both sides of the Taiwan Strait to engage without precondition in a peaceful dialogue on the basis of mutual respect; and

Whereas the United States Trade Representative stated publicly on June 5, 2001, in Shanghai that the personal participation in this year's APEC forum of Taiwan's democratically elected president, Chen Shui-bian, "would be a constructive step": Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress supports the initiatives pro-  
 3 posed for direct dialogue without precondition between  
 4 leaders on both sides of the Taiwan Strait and specifically  
 5 endorses the proposal for full participation in the October  
 6 2001 Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum  
 7 by President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan.

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