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Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on September 20, 2005.

Whereas for more than 50 years an enduring friendship has existed between the United States and Taiwan which has been of enormous economic, cultural, and strategic benefit to both nations;

Whereas the United States and Taiwan share common ideals and a clear vision for the 21st century, where freedom

and democracy are the foundations for peace, prosperity, and progress;

Whereas Taiwan has demonstrated its unequivocal support for human rights and a commitment to the democratic ideals of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, rule of law, and free and fair elections routinely held in a multiparty system;

Whereas the upcoming September 20, 2005, visit to the United States of Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian is another significant step in broadening and deepening the friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan;

Whereas on September 20, 2005, Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian will be presented the Human Rights Award by the Congressional Human Rights Caucus for his efforts in promoting tolerance, democracy, and human rights;

Whereas Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian will bring a strong message from the Taiwanese people that Taiwan will cooperate and support the United States campaign against international terrorism and efforts to rebuild and bring democracy and stability to Afghanistan and Iraq; and

Whereas the Government of Taiwan has donated \$2 million to the Government of the United States to help with relief efforts in the devastated areas of the Gulf Coast of the United States stricken by Hurricane Katrina: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

1 (1) offers its warmest welcome to President
2 Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan upon his visit to the
3 United States on September 20, 2005;

4 (2) asks President Chen Shui-bian to commu-
5 nicate to the people of Taiwan the support of Con-
6 gress and of the American people;

7 (3) recognizes that the visit of President Chen
8 Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States is a sig-
9 nificant step toward broadening and deepening the
10 friendship and cooperation between the United
11 States and Taiwan;

12 (4) recognizes the commitment and efforts of
13 President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to maintain the
14 peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait;

15 (5) congratulates President Chen Shui-bian on
16 his receiving the Human Rights Award from the
17 Congressional Human Rights Caucus; and

18 (6) thanks President Chen Shui-bian and the
19 government and people of Taiwan for their contribu-
20 tion to relief efforts in the devastated areas of the

1 Gulf Coast of the United States stricken by Hurri-
2 cane Katrina.

Passed the House of Representatives September 15,
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.