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Endorsing the adoption by the European Parliament of a resolution supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan's efforts at joining the community of nations.

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1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress endorses the adoption by  
3 the European Parliament on July 18, 1996, of a resolu-  
4 tion supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan's efforts  
5 at joining the community of nations, which is substantially  
6 as follows:

1       “The European Parliament,  
2       —having regard to Article J.7 of the Treaty on Euro-  
3 pean Union,

4           “(A) satisfied with the current state of Tai-  
5 wan’s democracy and Taiwan’s respect for the prin-  
6 ciples of justice, human rights and fundamental free-  
7 dom;

8           “(B) welcoming the fact that the elections in  
9 Taiwan were conducted democratically and peace-  
10 fully despite the overt aggression and provocation by  
11 the People’s Republic of China;

12          “(C) having regard to Taiwan’s wish to partici-  
13 pate in international aid to developing countries;

14          “(D) having regard to the significance of devel-  
15 opments in the political situation in Taiwan for the  
16 whole of East Asia at a geopolitical and economic  
17 level and in terms of a policy of stability, security  
18 and peace in the Western Pacific region;

19          “(E) welcoming the attitude of reconciliation  
20 displayed by President Lee Tang-hui towards the  
21 People’s Republic of China and looking forward to  
22 a dialogue spanning both sides of the Taiwan  
23 Straits;

24          “(F) convinced that the people of Taiwan ought  
25 to be better represented in international organiza-

1 tions than they are at present, which would benefit  
2 both Taiwan and the whole of the international com-  
3 munity;

4 “(G) whereas neither the European Union nor  
5 any of its Member States have diplomatic relations  
6 with the Government of Taiwan, recognizing only  
7 the People’s Republic of China;

8 “(H) whereas Taiwan is very important to the  
9 European Union and its Member States as a trade  
10 partner;

11 “(I) whereas it is important for the European  
12 Union and its Member States to develop their rela-  
13 tions with the governments of both the People’s Re-  
14 public of China and Taiwan in an amicable and con-  
15 structive spirit.

16 “(J) urging the governments of the People’s  
17 Republic of China and Taiwan to intensify their co-  
18 operation;

19 “(K) stressing that participation by Taiwan in  
20 certain international organizations can assist with  
21 finding common ground between China and Taiwan  
22 and facilitate reconciliation between the two sides;

23 “(L) regretting the fact that Taiwan at present  
24 is prevented from making a full contribution to the  
25 United Nations and its agencies, and stressing that,

1 for the efficiency of the United Nations, Taiwan's  
2 participation would be desirable and valuable;

3 "1. Urges:

4 "(a) the Council and Member States to support  
5 Taiwan's attempts to secure better representation  
6 than it currently enjoys in international organiza-  
7 tions in the fields of human and labour rights, eco-  
8 nomic affairs, the environment and development  
9 cooperation . . . ;

10 "(b) the Council and Member States to ask the  
11 United Nations to investigate the possibility of set-  
12 ting up a United Nations working group to study  
13 the scope for Taiwan to participate in the activities  
14 of bodies answerable to the United Nations General  
15 Assembly;

16 "(c) the Council and Member States to encour-  
17 age the governments of the People's Republic of  
18 China and Taiwan to intensify their cooperation in  
19 a constructive and peaceful spirit;

20 "(d) the Council to urge the Commission to  
21 adopt measures with a view to opening a European  
22 Union information office in Taipei;

1       “2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution  
2 to the Council and to the Commission.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 24,  
1996.

Attest:

*Clerk.*