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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

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 as follows:
6 “The European Parliament,
7 —having regard to Article J.7 of the Treaty on Euro-
8 pean Union,

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

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

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

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

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

21 “(F) convinced that the people of Taiwan ought
22 to be better represented in international organiza-
23 tions than they are at present, which would benefit
24 both Taiwan and the whole of the international com-
25 munity;

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

5 “(H) whereas Taiwan is very important to the
6 European Union and its Member States as a trade
7 partner;

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

13 “(J) urging the governments of the People’s
14 Republic of China and Taiwan to intensify their co-
15 operation;

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

20 “(L) regretting the fact that Taiwan at present
21 is prevented from making a full contribution to the
22 United Nations and its agencies, and stressing that,
23 for the efficiency of the United Nations, Taiwan’s
24 participation would be desirable and valuable;

25 “1. Urges:

1 “(a) the Council and Member States to support
2 Taiwan’s attempts to secure better representation
3 than it currently enjoys in international organiza-
4 tions in the fields of human and labour rights, eco-
5 nomic affairs, the environment and development co-
6 operation following the precedent of certain cases,
7 known to international law, of countries recognized
8 as independent and sovereign even though the na-
9 ture of their diplomatic connections and the person
10 of then head of state did not display the full sym-
11 bolic panoply of complete sovereignty (e.g. Her Bri-
12 tannic Majesty’s Dominions, American Samoa, or,
13 until recently, the Ukraine and Belarus);

14 “(b) the Council and Member States to ask the
15 United Nations to investigate the possibility of set-
16 ting up a United Nations working group to study
17 the scope for Taiwan to participate in the activities
18 of bodies answerable to the United Nations General
19 Assembly;

20 “(c) the Council and Member States to encour-
21 age the governments of the People’s Republic of
22 China and Taiwan to intensify their cooperation in
23 a constructive and peaceful spirit;

1 “(d) the Council to urge the Commission to
2 adopt measures with a view to opening a European
3 Union information office in Taipei;
4 “2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution
5 to the Council and to the Commission.”.

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