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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the transfer of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China not alter the current or future status of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 1997

Mr. DEUTSCH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the transfer of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China not alter the current or future status of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Whereas on June 9, 1898, the "Convention Respecting an Extension of Hong Kong Territory" was agreed to between representatives of the governments of Great Britain and China to lease the New Territories for the period of 99 years beginning on July 1, 1898;

Whereas on December 19, 1984, the "Sino-British Joint Declaration", agreed to between representatives of the governments of Great Britain and China, established the terms for the return to China on July 1, 1997, of the Hong Kong area (including the Hong Kong Island,

Kowloon, and the New Territories (hereafter in this resolution referred to as “Hong Kong”);

Whereas no treaties exist between the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan which determine the future status of Taiwan;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China attempts to apply to Taiwan the formula commonly known as “one country, two systems” in an effort to annex Taiwan to China;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has refused to renounce the use of force against Taiwan and held military exercises in the Taiwan Strait in March 1996 in an attempt to intimidate the people of Taiwan in their first presidential elections; and

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act states that “[i]t is the policy of the United States . . . to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States”: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the transfer of Hong Kong to the People’s
4 Republic of China does not alter the current and fu-
5 ture status of Taiwan;

6 (2) the future of Taiwan should be determined
7 by peaceful means through a democratic process;
8 and

1 (3) the United States should assist in the de-
2 fense of Taiwan in case of threats or military attack
3 by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan.

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