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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.