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Expressing the sense of Congress on the accession of Taiwan to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DUNN (for herself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. FALDOMAVEGA, and Mr. DELAY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas in 1992, GATT's Council of Representatives decided to establish a separate working party to examine the request for accession of Taiwan to GATT;

Whereas Taiwan is the seventh largest trading partner of the United States and the seventh largest foreign market for the United States;

Whereas the amount of United States goods purchased by Taiwan is nearly twice as large as the amount of United States goods purchased by the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the United States completed its bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan a full year before it signed a trade agreement with the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the United States has long sought to build closer ties with, and ensure global credibility for, governments who ascribe to our ideals of freedom and democracy;

Whereas the President's 1994 policy review of Taiwan recommended that the United States support Taiwan's participation in international organizations that do not require statehood; and

Whereas Taiwan's accession to the WTO will contribute to the prosperity of all other member countries: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) immediately upon approval of the accession
4 of the People's Republic of China to the World
5 Trade Organization (WTO), the United States rep-
6 resentative to the WTO should request that the
7 WTO General Council consider Taiwan's accession
8 to the WTO as the next order of business of the
9 Council during the same session on the same cal-
10 endar day; and

11 (2) the United States should be prepared to ag-
12 gressively counter any effort by any WTO member
13 country, upon the accession of the People's Republic

1 of China to the WTO, to block the accession of Tai-
2 wan to the WTO.

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