

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 135

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 2001

Resolved, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress welcoming President  
Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States.

Whereas for more than 50 years, a close relationship has existed between the United States and Taiwan, which has been of enormous economic, cultural, and strategic advantage to both countries;

Whereas the United States and Taiwan share common ideals and a vision for the 21st century;

Whereas freedom and democracy are the strongest foundations for peace and prosperity;

Whereas Taiwan has demonstrated an improved record on human rights and a commitment to democratic ideals of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and free and fair elections routinely held in a multiparty system, as evidenced by the March 18, 2000, election of Chen Shui-bian as Taiwan's new president; and

Whereas the upcoming May 21, 2001, visit to the United States by President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan is another significant opportunity to broaden and strengthen the friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) warmly welcomes President Chen Shui-bian  
4            of Taiwan upon his visit to the United States;

5            (2) requests President Chen Shui-bian to com-  
6            municate to the people of Taiwan the support of the  
7            Congress and of the people of the United States;  
8            and

9            (3) recognizes that the visit of President Chen  
10            Shui-bian to the United States is another significant  
11            opportunity to broaden and strengthen the friend-

1 ship and cooperation between the United States and  
2 Taiwan.

Passed the House of Representatives May 17, 2001.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*

By MARTHA C. MORRISON,  
*Deputy Clerk.*