

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 302

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on October 31, 2003.

Whereas for more than 50 years an iron-clad relationship has existed between the United States and Taiwan which has been of enormous economic, cultural, and strategic benefit to both nations;

Whereas the United States and Taiwan share common ideals and a clear vision for the 21st century, where freedom and democracy are the foundations for peace, prosperity, and progress;

Whereas Taiwan has demonstrated its unequivocal support for human rights and a commitment to the democratic ideals of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, rule of law, and free and fair elections routinely held in a multiparty system;

Whereas the upcoming October 31, 2003, visit to the United States of Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian is another significant step in broadening and deepening the friendship and cooperation between the United States and Taiwan;

Whereas on October 31, 2003, Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian will be presented an award by the International League for Human Rights for his efforts in promoting tolerance, democracy, and human rights; and

Whereas Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian will bring a strong message from the Taiwanese people that Taiwan will cooperate and support the United States campaign against international terrorism and efforts to rebuild and bring democracy and stability to Afghanistan and Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) offers its warmest welcome to President
4 Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan upon his visit to the
5 United States on October 31, 2003;

1 (2) asks President Chen Shui-bian to commu-
2 nicate to the people of Taiwan the support of Con-
3 gress and of the American people;

4 (3) recognizes that the visit of President Chen
5 Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States is a sig-
6 nificant step toward broadening and deepening the
7 friendship and cooperation between the United
8 States and Taiwan;

9 (4) congratulates President Chen Shui-bian on
10 his receiving the Human Rights Award from the
11 International League for Human Rights; and

12 (5) thanks President Chen Shui-bian and the
13 government and people of Taiwan for their humani-
14 tarian and medical assistance in Afghanistan and
15 post-war Iraq as well as for their willingness to con-
16 tribute to the peace, stability, and prosperity of the
17 Middle East.

Passed the House of Representatives October 30,
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.