

**RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT**

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA, THE PACIFIC  
AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 1:04 p.m., in room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. The meeting of the subcommittee will come to order.

Pursuant to notice, I call up House Concurrent Resolution 55. Without objection, the amendment in the nature of a substitute before the members will be considered as base text for purposes of amendment, will be considered as read and will be open for amendment at any point. I yield myself 5 minutes to explain this bipartisan legislation.

[H. Con. Res. 55 and the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute follow:]

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 55

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY (for herself, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. MACK, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. GINGREY of Georgia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

Whereas April 10, 2009, will mark the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8), codifying in law the basis for continued commercial, cultural, and other relations between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan);

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Taiwan Strait since its enactment in 1979;

Whereas when the Taiwan Relations Act was enacted, it affirmed that the United States decision to establish diplo-

matic relations with the People's Republic of China was based on the expectation that the future of Taiwan would be determined by peaceful means;

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act states that it is the policy of the United States to provide defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability;

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act also states that it is the policy of the United States to maintain the capacity to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people of Taiwan;

Whereas the relationship between the United States and Taiwan has strengthened with—

(1) Taiwan's evolution into a free society and a full-fledged, multi-party democracy;

(2) the development of Taiwan's robust free-market economy, with Taiwan becoming the ninth largest trading partner of the United States in 2007 and imports from the United States in that year totaling over \$26,000,000,000;

(3) Taiwan's determined effort and collaboration with the United States to combat global terrorism, as demonstrated in part by its participation in the Container Security Initiative and its generous contribution to the Pentagon Memorial Fund; and

(4) the leadership role Taiwan has demonstrated in addressing transnational and global challenges, including its active engagement in humanitarian relief measures, public health endeavors, environmental protection initiatives, and financial market stabilization efforts; and

Whereas Taiwan's democracy has deepened with the second peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another after the presidential election in March 2008: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the  
4       Taiwan Relations Act as the cornerstone of United  
5       States relations with Taiwan;

6           (2) reaffirms its support for Taiwan's demo-  
7       cratic institutions; and

8           (3) supports the strong and deepening relation-  
9       ship between the United States and Taiwan.

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**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.CON.RES. 55  
OFFERED BY MR. FALEOMAVAEGA OF AMERICAN  
SAMOA**

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas April 10, 2009, will mark the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8), codifying in law the basis for continued commercial, cultural, and other relations between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan);

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Taiwan Strait since its enactment in 1979;

Whereas when the Taiwan Relations Act was enacted, it affirmed that the United States' decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China was based on the expectation that the future of Taiwan would be determined by peaceful means;

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act declares that peace and stability in the area are in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States, and are matters of international concern;

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act states that it is the policy of the United States to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character to maintain the capacity to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeop-

ardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people on Taiwan;

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act also states that “it is the policy of the United States to preserve and promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural and other relations between the people on Taiwan, as well as the people on the China mainland”;

Whereas the relationship between the United States and Taiwan has strengthened with—

(1) Taiwan’s evolution into a free society and a full-fledged, multi-party democracy;

(2) the development of Taiwan’s robust free-market economy,

(3) Taiwan’s determined effort and collaboration with the United States to combat global terrorism, as demonstrated in part by its participation in the Container Security Initiative and its generous contribution to the Pentagon Memorial Fund; and

(4) the leadership role Taiwan has demonstrated in addressing transnational and global challenges, including its active engagement in humanitarian relief measures, public health endeavors, environmental protection initiatives, and financial market stabilization efforts; and

Whereas Taiwan’s democracy has deepened with the second peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another after the presidential election in March 2008: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That Congress—

1           (1) reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the  
2           Taiwan Relations Act as vital to relations between  
3           the United States and Taiwan;

4           (2) reaffirms its support for Taiwan's demo-  
5           cratic institutions; and

6           (3) supports the strong and deepening relation-  
7           ship between the United States and Taiwan.



Mr. FALCOMA. This legislation recognizes the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, which was enacted in 1979 following the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China. And I commend my colleagues, Ms. Berkley of Nevada, Chairman Berman, and Ranking Senior Member Ros-Lehtinen of our full committee for their leadership and support of this historic initiative.

Since 1979, the U.S. policy regarding Taiwan has remained unchanged. The joint communiqués, together with the Taiwan Relations Act, are the foundation of our One-China Policy, which implies, as President Reagan once said, "The Taiwan question is a matter for the Chinese people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait to resolve."

This is why the Taiwan Relations Act declares that its intent is "to preserve and promote extensive, close and friendly commercial, cultural and other relations between the people of United States and the people of Taiwan, as well as the people on mainland China." And I believe this should continue to be our primary focus.

As President Obama said, the United States is guided by principles that demand greater cooperation and understanding between nations. Hopefully, as we look to pass this legislation, we will do so in the spirit inherent in our values and respectful of the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait. I urge my colleagues to support this substitute.

Now I yield back to my good friend, the ranking member, to explain his views on the proposed legislation.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chairman, I support your amendment in the nature of a substitute to H. Con. Res. 55. I urge my colleagues to support it as well.

With your permission, is it okay if I yield my time to Mr. Royce, who wanted to make a short statement on it?

Mr. FALCOMA. Without objection, I gladly yield.

Mr. ROYCE. I thank the gentleman from Illinois. And thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Taiwan is a beacon of democracy in Asia. We have a strong partnership stretching back over half a century. Signed 30 years ago, the Taiwan Relations Act laid into law the basis for the continued commercial, cultural and defense relationship between the United States and Taiwan. As this resolution states, it has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security and stability in the Taiwan Strait.

While this resolution highlights many of the positive attributes of the United States-Taiwan relationship, language detailing our important economic relationship was regrettably struck from the introduced text. As the original version states, Taiwan is the ninth largest trading partner of the United States, with U.S. exports totaling \$26 billion. Imports from Taiwan are important too.

The truth is that trade is very important to Taiwanese security; security isn't based on weapons alone. It may be wishful thinking with this administration and Congress, but I would like to see movement on a free trade agreement with Taiwan. Certainly, if we throw up trade barriers, it would do much to destabilize Taiwan's economy. Let's not give trade short shrift.

I yield back to the gentleman.

Mr. MANZULLO. I would yield back my time to the chairman.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. I thank the gentleman for his statement.

Are there any amendments? I am sorry. I think because this is on the basis of unanimous consent, that we have both agreed on the substance of the proposed legislation, at this point now, without objection, the amendment is considered as read and—I think there are no amendments—the question occurs on the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

All in favor, say yes or aye.

All opposed, say no.

The ayes carry and the resolution is carried. It will now be reported favorably to the full committee.

Without objection, the committee markup is now adjourned. Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 1:09 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.]



# A P P E N D I X

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT**

**Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D-AS), Chairman**

March 12, 2009

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

You are respectfully requested to attend the following OPEN meeting of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, to be held in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building, for the purpose of marking up the following legislation:

**DATE:** Thursday, March 19, 2009  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.  
**MARKUP OF:** H. Con. Res. 55, recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

**By Direction of the Chairman**

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**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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**STATEMENT OF  
THE HONORABLE ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA  
CHAIRMAN**

**before the  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND THE  
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT**

**Markup of H. Con. Res. 55, recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
the Taiwan Relations Act**

**March 19, 2009**

This legislation recognizes the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) which was enacted in 1979 following the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China, and I commend Ms. Berkley of Nevada, and Chairman Berman and Ranking Member Ros-Lehtinen of our full Committee, for their leadership on this historic initiative.

Since 1979, U.S. policy regarding Taiwan has remained unchanged. The Joint Communiques, together with the Taiwan Relations Act, are the foundation of our One China policy, which implies, as President Reagan once said, that "the Taiwan question is a matter for the Chinese people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait to resolve."

This is why the TRA declares that its intent is "to preserve and promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan, as well as the people on the China mainland", and I believe this should continue to be our primary focus.

As President Obama said, the United States is guided by principles that demand greater cooperation and understanding between nations. Hopefully, as we look to pass this legislation, we will do so in a spirit inherent of our values and respectful of people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I now yield to the Ranking Member, to explain his views on the legislation.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
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**Donald A. Manzullo (IL-16), Ranking Member**  
**Opening Statement**

March 19, 2009

Mr. Chairman, thank you for calling this markup on House Concurrent Resolution 55 – Recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Taiwan Relation Act (TRA).

The Taiwan Relations Act is a remarkable piece of legislation that has allowed the United States to build diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China while maintaining a special relationship with the Republic of China on Taiwan.

In the past 30 years, Taiwan made remarkable progress transforming itself to a thriving democracy and free-market economy. Taiwan is America’s ninth largest trading partner, and the State of Illinois’ fifth largest export market. The Taiwan Relations Act played a key role in Taiwan’s prosperity by ensuring the peace and stability of the Western Pacific region.

I commend the President of Taiwan for reaching across the Taiwan Strait to proactively engage the People’s Republic of China. According to press reports, this engagement has resulted in a surge of Chinese tourism to Taiwan. I am sure that in this economy, the increased tourism revenue and people to people contact are very much welcomed. Thus, I am hopeful that lowering tensions across the Taiwan Strait is also something that benefits all Americans.

Mr. Chairman, I support your amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.Con.Res. 55 and I urge my colleagues to support it as well.

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STATEMENT OF REP. GARY L. ACKERMAN  
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Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia  
In Support of H.CON.RES. 55

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to be a co-sponsor of H. Con. Res. 55 and I want to commend you and Mr. Manzullo for moving forward with this resolution. I also want to lend my strong support to the amendment in the nature of a substitute being offered by the Chairman.

I am pleased to join in recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. Since 1979, the TRA's clarity of purpose as the framer of U.S.-Taiwan relations and its singular role in shaping our relationship with the Peoples Republic of China has few equals in terms of foreign policy legislation produced by the Congress.

Under the TRA, Taiwan, and I dare say the mainland, have both prospered and are vastly different places from what they were before the TRA was enacted. The TRA has facilitated Taiwan's evolution into a full-fledged, multiparty democracy with a robust free market economy. And as Taiwan has evolved domestically, its role internationally has changed as well. Taiwan is an active participant in addressing transnational threats and has been deeply engaged in humanitarian relief efforts, addressing public health and environmental protection initiative as well as financial stabilization efforts.

The resolution before the subcommittee today reaffirms the unwavering support of the United States Congress for Taiwan, its democratic institutions, and urges a deeper and stronger relationship between the United States and Taiwan. These are sentiments with which we can all agree, so I urge my colleagues to support the Chairman's amendment and I yield back the balance of my time.

**Remarks**  
***Congresswoman Diane E. Watson***  
**H Con. Res. 55 Mark-up**  
**Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment**  
**Committee on Foreign Affairs**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2009**  
**2172 Rayburn House Office Building**  
**10:00 a.m.**

***“H. Con. Res. 55, a resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.”***

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act provides an opportunity to review our growing relationship with Taiwan. Taiwan has been an example of successful democracy in Asia, growing to become one of our strongest partners in trade and the fight against terrorism. This island nation has become a leader in facing global challenges; locally it has made strides in reducing pollution and waste products; internationally, Taiwan has lead the Asian Pacific in confronting the threats of global warming.

In re-affirming our support of Taiwan, Congress should encourage the development of a stable relationship between Taiwan and China. Since their separation, the two nations maintained a hostile truce. Though relations have improved over the last year, much remains to be accomplished. A better diplomatic relationship between Taiwan and China has the potential to be a stabilizing influence in the region. Recently, Taiwan and China have opened their doors to tourism and cultural exchange, and I hope this will facilitate further positive communication between the two nations.

Taiwan has been and will remain a strong partner in the global economy and a democratic leader in Asia.

Mr. Chairman, thank you and I yield back the balance of my time.

