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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should recognize Taiwan's independence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. O'Brien of South Carolina submitted the following resolution;

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should recognize Taiwan's independence.

Whereas the Republic of China, or Taiwan, has been a valuable ally of the United States;

Whereas Taiwan and the United States have established a strong political, economic, and military partnership;

Whereas Taiwan has consistently shown its devotion to freedom, democracy, and human rights;

Whereas Taiwan has never been under the jurisdiction or influence of the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party;

Whereas the People's Republic of China has expressed its disrespect for Taiwan's freedom and autonomy, in its continued promotion of its so-called "One China Policy";

Whereas the "One China Policy" hinders Taiwan's full and equal participation in international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Olympic Committee, and the United Nations; and

Whereas Taiwan has successfully functioned as a sovereign, independent country for over 70 years:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That -

(1) the United States commends the people of Taiwan for their commitment to democracy, civil liberties, and human rights, and for their resilience against the Chinese Communist Party

(2) the President should formally denounce the so-called "One China Policy" in favor of a policy that recognizes Taiwan's independence and statehood wholly separate from the People's Republic of China;

(3) that the President should recognize the democratically elected National Government in Taipei, normalize relations between Taiwan and the United States, appoint a United States ambassador to Taiwan, and receive a Taiwanese ambassador to the United States;

(4) that the United States Trade Representative should initiate negotiations with Taiwan to establish a free trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States;

(5) that the President, the Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, and other United States officials should strongly advocate for Taiwan's full membership in the United Nations and other international organizations;

(6) that the United States should continue to take all necessary measures to defend Taiwan against aggression by the People's Republic of China, and that that the continued autonomy of a democratic Taiwan should be of paramount importance in American foreign and defense policy.