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Supporting measures taken by the Government of Taiwan to deter, or if so compelled, defeat, aggression by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Supporting measures taken by the Government of Taiwan to deter, or if so compelled, defeat, aggression by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China has reaffirmed its intent to seize control of Taiwan, including by force;

Whereas, on May 28, 2019, Taiwan conducted the annual Han Kuang Exercise, demonstrating the ability of Taiwanese forces to defend against invasion and other military threats;

Whereas, in May 2019, United States and Taiwanese national security advisors met in Washington for the first

time since Taiwan and the United States ended formal diplomatic ties in 1979;

Whereas the Government of Taiwan has gone to great lengths to cooperate and build relations with the Government of the United States and other nations; and

Whereas the United States and Taiwan have continued to strengthen their relationship, even as the Government of the People's Republic of China has intensified its threats against the Government of Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) reaffirms and encourages strengthening of
3 United States-Taiwanese relations;

4 (2) condemns threats by the Government of the
5 People's Republic of China against the Government
6 of Taiwan, including—

7 (A) continued rhetoric that could insinuate
8 an attack on the people or the Government of
9 Taiwan;

10 (B) military exercises demonstrating intent
11 to invade or otherwise attack Taiwan; and

12 (C) propaganda used by the Government of
13 the People's Republic of China;

14 (3) applauds the Government of Taiwan's adop-
15 tion of the Overall Defense Concept;

16 (4) urges the Government of Taiwan to con-
17 tinue development of a more lethal and resilient de-

1 fensive posture in accordance with the new Overall
2 Defense Concept; and
3 (5) calls on the governments of all nations to
4 support a strong, prosperous, and democratic Tai-
5 wan as part of a shared commitment to the security
6 and stability of the Indo-Pacific region.

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