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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT URGES
GREATER RECOGNITION FOR
TAIWAN

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, the European Parliament adopted a resolution urging its member states to support greater representation for the Republic of China on Taiwan in international organizations.

The resolution is a proper recognition of the great strides that the people of Taiwan have made toward democracy and respect for human rights over the past several years. This progress stands in stark contrast to the continuing tyrannical and aggressive behavior of the Communist Chinese regime in Beijing.

Since Taiwan, and not Communist China, represents the best model for the future of Chinese civilization, it is my sincere hope that the world community will follow the advice of this resolution, which I would like to insert for the RECORD.

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Having regard to Article J.7 of the Treaty on European Union,

A. Satisfied with the current state of Taiwan's democracy and Taiwan's respect for the principles of justice, human rights and fundamental freedom,

B. Welcoming the fact that the elections in Taiwan were conducted democratically and peacefully despite the overt aggression and provocation by the People's Republic of China,

C. Having regard to Taiwan's wish to participate in international aid to developing countries,

D. Having regard to the significance of developments in the political situation in Taiwan for the whole of East Asia at a geopolitical and economic level and in terms of a policy of stability, security and peace in the Western Pacific region,

E. Welcoming the attitude of reconciliation displayed by President Lee Teng-hui towards the People's Republic of China and looking forward to a dialogue spanning both sides of the Taiwan Straits,

F. Convinced that the people of Taiwan ought to be better represented in international organizations than they are at present, which would benefit both Taiwan and the whole of the international community,

G. Whereas neither the European Union nor any of its Members States have diplomatic relations with the Government of Taiwan, recognizing only the People's Republic of China,

H. Whereas Taiwan is very important to the European Union and its Members States as a trade partner,

I. Whereas it is important for the European Union and its Members States to develop their relations with the governments of both the People's Republic of China and Taiwan in an amicable and constructive spirit,

J. Urging the governments of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan to intensify their cooperation,

K. Stressing that participation by Taiwan in certain international organizations can assist with finding common ground between China and Taiwan and facilitate reconciliation between the two sides,

L. Regretting the fact that Taiwan at present is prevented from making a full contribution to the United Nations and its agencies, and stressing that, for the efficiency of the UN, Taiwan's participation would be desirable and valuable,

1. Urges:

(a) The Council and Member States to support Taiwan's attempts to secure better representation that it currently enjoys in international organizations in the field of human and labour rights, economic affairs, the environment and development cooperation following the precedent of certain cases, known to international law, of countries recognized as independent and sovereign even though the nature of their diplomatic connections and the person of then head of state did not display the full symbolic panoply of complete sovereignty (e.g., Her Britannic Majesty's Dominions, American Samoa, or, until recently, the Ukraine and Belarus);

(b) The Council and Member States to ask the United Nations to investigate the possibility of setting up a UN working group to study the scope for Taiwan to participate in the activities of bodies answerable to the UN General Assembly;

(c) The Council and Member States to encourage the governments of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan to intensify their cooperation in a constructive and peaceful spirit;

(d) The Council to Urge the Commission to adopt measures with a view to opening a European Union information office in Taipei;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the Commission.

CALIFORNIA NEEDS A BALANCED
FEDERAL BUDGET

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues and I know the infinite potential for our great Nation if we balance the budget. What many do not realize is what it means at home in our own States.

The House-passed balanced budget clearly shows that we can balance the budget, provide tax relief to working families, and still provide Federal spending for programs crucial to State and local governments. However, if spending continues to grow unchecked, as it has in the past, we will heap even more debt on the backs of our children—California's children.

Californians already pay more in taxes than just about any State in the Union. California families, who today pay a higher share of their family income in taxes than at any time in our Nation's history, need a balanced budget. We have been a donor State for far too long. It's time the scales tilted.

Oddly enough, even the unions that rely on government spending agree that a balanced budget works for California—dollars for California actually go up under Congress' plan to balance the budget.

Mr. Speaker, we know that a balanced budget is good for the country. More importantly, it is good for America's hard-working families—and, it is good for California.

NEIGHORS WORKING FOR QUALITY
CHILD CARE

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 300 citizens of Montgomery County, PA., who, on Saturday, June 8, raised an estimated \$10,000 during the Walk for Quality Child Care at the Montgomery County Community College campus.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, more than 4½ million children under the age of 5 are cared for during the day by someone other than their relatives. This is not an inexpensive circumstance.

The men, women, and children who gathered on June 8 recognize this. They know that without adequate funding for child care, their children's safety and well-being are jeopardized.

Many of the best child care centers cannot care for infants because of the expense. The budgets of most centers are exhausted on maintaining staff, leaving nothing in the way of activities for the children. The money raised during the Walk for Quality Child Care will be used to buy tricycles and a parachute for the children of Hatfield.

There can be no downsizing in child care. Regulations abound for child care providers; regulations which cost money to those who earn their livelihood by caring for their neighbors' children. Most spend more than 10 hours per day with children other than their own.

In a day where family budgets are squeezed by big taxes and big government, the citizens who put children first on June 8, some of whom pay in excess of \$1,000 per month in child care, combined their voices to say, "We will not let our children be the victims of economic pressure." I'm sure you join me, Mr. Speaker, in applauding these caring people for their efforts to make sure their children have the same opportunities for happiness that our generations have enjoyed.

A TRIBUTE TO E.R. "BOB"
MORRISSETTE, JR.

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the Alabama delegation is rather small in number, but we are close in mind and heart on many issues, often reaching across the political divide, especially when it involves a matter of importance to our beloved State.

That is all the more reason why the death this past Sunday of E.R. "Bob" Morrisette, Jr., a longtime aide to my colleague, Senator HOWELL HEFLIN, is so difficult to accept. While the Judge has lost an important member of his office family, our State, and especially south Alabama, has lost one of the most likeable and most decent men ever to work in the public arena.

Bob was 73 at the time of his death and unfortunately, poor health had slowed him down a bit during the past few months. But throughout his career, first as a journalist, and later as