

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging Congress to maintain its diplomatic
6 relations and the Mutual Defense Treaty
7 with the Republic of China.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the Republic of China was a founding member of the United
10 Nations and has always been a law abiding member of the community of nations;
11 and

12 WHEREAS the people of the Republic of China have built a successful,
13 prosperous, free economy out of the ashes of a half century of revolution,
14 invasion and civil war and now serve as an important trading partner of the
15 American people; and

16 WHEREAS the Republic of China is of great strategic importance in the
17 defense of East Asia and the Pacific and has always utilized its military
18 power in the interests of the free world; and

19 WHEREAS the people of the Republic of China have been among the most
20 trusted friends and allies of the people of the United States since the
21 founding of the Chinese Republic in 1912; and

22 WHEREAS President Jimmy Carter has repeatedly stated that he will pursue
23 an open and just foreign policy, based on morality; and

24 WHEREAS President Carter has also repeatedly stated that he will not
25 compromise the freedom and security of the people of the Republic of China
26 and will stand by United States commitments to that country;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it strongly endorses
28 the positions of President Jimmy Carter as stated above; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of the United States and Congress

1 are strongly urged to maintain diplomatic relations and the Mutual Defense
2 Treaty with the Republic of China.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
4 President of the United States; the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of
5 State; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S.
6 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the
7 Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Honorable James C. H. Shen, Am-
8 bassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of China to the
9 United States.

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