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To require agencies to use the term “Taiwan” instead of “Chinese Taipei”,
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. SELF, Mr. TIFFANY,
and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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“Chinese Taipei”, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Identification
5 Terminology and Label Enhancement Act” or the
6 “TITLE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The United States Government has never
2 officially recognized the People’s Republic of China’s
3 claim of sovereignty over Taiwan.

4 (2) The Chinese Communist Party in the Peo-
5 ple’s Republic of China seeks to control Taiwan
6 through means of persuasion and coercion, and po-
7 tentially compellance.

8 (3) The People’s Liberation Army has set a
9 goal of 2027 to have the capability to invade Tai-
10 wan, which also marks the 100-year anniversary of
11 the People’s Liberation Army’s founding.

12 (4) The People’s Republic of China refers to
13 Taiwan as a “region” and to the President of Tai-
14 wan as “the leader of the Taiwan region”, illus-
15 trating the People’s Republic of China’s mistaken
16 view that Taiwan is a region of China.

17 (5) Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China
18 are separated by a “median line” in the Taiwan
19 Strait, which acts as an unofficial boundary that has
20 generally been respected since 1999, until September
21 2020, when a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman
22 stated, “there is no so-called median line in the
23 Strait”, and People’s Liberation Army aircraft and
24 vessels have repeatedly violated since.

1 (6) Taiwan officially recorded 380 Chinese air
2 incursions into the Taiwanese Air Defense Identi-
3 fication Zone in 2020, 969 Chinese air incursions in
4 2021, and 1,115 Chinese air incursions in 2022, il-
5 lustrating a growing disregard to Taiwan’s sov-
6 ereignty.

7 (7) Many Taiwanese individuals see the “Chi-
8 nese Taipei” nomenclature as a symbol of oppression
9 from the People’s Republic of China, of which origi-
10 nally stems from an effort to find a way for both
11 Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China to par-
12 ticipate in the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics
13 and the 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics.

14 (8) In Mandarin language, Taiwan uses a
15 version of “Chinese Taipei” in which “Chinese” is
16 the cultural term “zhonghua” and does not have
17 sovereignty connotations. Comparatively, the Peo-
18 ple’s Republic of China uses a version of “Chinese
19 Taipei” in which “Chinese” is “zhongguo” or
20 “China” which mistakenly implies that Taiwan is
21 part of China.

22 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the sense of Congress that Con-
23 gress—

24 (1) believes the United States must stand firm
25 in the commitments it made in the Taiwan Relations

1 Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), which states that the
2 United States must “maintain the capacity of the
3 United States to resist any resort to force or other
4 forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security,
5 or the social or economic system, of the people on
6 Taiwan”;

7 (2) continues to support and defend Taiwan as
8 it withstands control-seeking persuasion and coer-
9 cion from an increasingly aggressive People’s Repub-
10 lic of China; and

11 (3) decries the United States Government’s use
12 of “Chinese Taipei” nomenclature, but instead fa-
13 vors the use of “Taiwan,” to ultimately exert the be-
14 lief that Taiwan’s status must be resolved peacefully
15 and include the wishes of the people of Taiwan.

16 **SEC. 3. AGENCY REQUIREMENT TO USE “TAIWAN”.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—An agency may not use “Chinese
18 Taipei” and shall use “Taiwan”, except—

19 (1) in historical context explaining the People’s
20 Republic of China’s attempt to control Taiwan
21 through persuasion and coercion; or

22 (2) in the formal title of a Federal document.

23 (b) REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE AGENCY
24 WEBSITES.—Not later than 14 days after the date of the
25 enactment of this Act, the head of each agency shall en-

1 sure the website of the agency meets the requirements of
2 this section.

3 (c) AGENCY DEFINED.—The term “agency” has the
4 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5, United
5 States Code.

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