
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING A DIPLOMATIC AND COLLABORATIVE RESOLUTION BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
TAIWAN REGARDING DISPUTED ISLANDS IN THE EAST CHINA SEA.

1 WHEREAS, geopolitical tensions in the East China Sea
2 between the United States, People's Republic of China, Japan,
3 and the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan, have heightened
4 over the territorial dispute of the Senkaku Islands, as known by
5 Japan, the Diaoyu Islands, as known by the People's Republic of
6 China, and the Tiaoyutai Islands, as known by Taiwan; and
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8 WHEREAS, these islands are rich in natural resources such
9 as minerals, oil, gas, and fishing resources, making the control
10 and development of these lands desirable for each country; and
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12 WHEREAS, Republic of China President Ma Ying-jeou, proposed
13 the East China Sea Peace Initiative at the opening ceremony of
14 the sixtieth anniversary of the Treaty of Peace between the
15 Republic of China and Japan, requesting all parties to:
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- 17 (1) Refrain from any antagonistic actions;
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19 (2) Put aside conflicts and not abandon dialogue;
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21 (3) Observe international law and resolve disputes through
22 peaceful means;
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24 (4) Seek consensus on a code of conduct in the East China
25 Sea; and
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27 (5) Establish a mechanism for cooperative exploration and
28 development of the resources in the East China Sea;
29 now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2013, that the United States, the People's Republic
34 of China, Japan, and Taiwan are encouraged to take a long-term,



1 diplomatic, collaborative, and peaceful approach for a
2 resolution regarding the dispute of the Senkaku Islands; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all four countries examine
5 possible long-term mutual economic benefits rather than the
6 short-term political gains of a contested sovereignty approach;
7 and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
11 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
12 the United States House of Representatives, the President of the
13 People's Republic of China, the Prime Minister of Japan, and the
14 President of the Republic of China.

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