**DRAFT RESOLUTION 17 – 13**

**SUBJECT:** Support for the Republic of Taiwan

**SOURCE:** DC, FL, LA, NC, VA, OH, MA, TX, TN, MO, NJ, ND, WA

**WHEREAS,** the Republic of China on Taiwan is a long-time friend, ally, and an important trading partner of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Taiwan is a strategically located island and is extremely important to the peace, prosperity, and stability of the Pacific Rim; and

**WHEREAS,** the Republic of China maintains a strong and well-trained military force, has extensive air and naval facilities and, therefore, is a vital link in the Pacific defense chain; and

**WHEREAS,** the People’s Republic of China has never renounced the use of force to integrate the Republic of China into its communist system and government and this threat remains substantial: now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that AMVETS supports and encourages the democratic process in Taiwan, and encourages the President of the United States to promote peaceful dialogue and avoid any actions which could lead to military conflict; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that AMVETS supports the continued promotion of educational and cultural relationships and exchanges between the United States and the Republic of China; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that AMVETS calls upon Congress and the Administration to support the admission of the Republic of China on Taiwan into the United Nations and to afford the President of Taiwan the same respect and privileges as other visiting Heads of State.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS..................ADOPT □ AMEND □ REJECT □ NONE □
FLOOR ACTION: ADOPTED □ ADOPTED (as amended) □ REJECTED □ TABLED □