

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 342

Rep. Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States House of
2 Representatives to condemn Speaker Pelosi for abusing her authority
3 and undermining the President's role in negotiating with foreign
4 countries during her visit to Taiwan in August 2022, and to request
5 a personal response to this resolution from Speaker Pelosi.

6 Whereas, On August 2, 2022, the Speaker of the United States
7 House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, while leading an official
8 congressional delegation to Asia, made a stop in Taiwan. This
9 action escalated tensions between Beijing and the United States.
10 Following Speaker Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, the Chinese government
11 cut off communications with the United States on military issues
12 and combatting climate change. The visit also prompted the Chinese
13 military to conduct additional drills near Taiwan, including firing

1 missiles over Taiwanese territory; and

2 Whereas, During her visit to Taiwan, Speaker Pelosi made
3 several statements proclaiming United States foreign policy. On
4 August 3, during a ceremony with Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen,
5 Speaker Pelosi made the following statements: "Now more than ever,
6 America's solidarity with Taiwan is crucial, and that is the
7 message we are bringing here today." At a press event following her
8 meeting with the Taiwanese President, she also said, "we are
9 supporters of the status quo ... we don't want anything to happen to
10 Taiwan by force." Speaker Pelosi concluded her prepared remarks by
11 stating: "America stands with Taiwan," speaking for the nation as a
12 whole; and

13 Whereas, The *Constitution of the United States* does not
14 allocate power over foreign affairs or international relations to
15 the Speaker of the House. Article II, Section 2 grants the
16 President a constellation of powers over international relations,
17 including the power to negotiate treaties, the power to nominate
18 ambassadors and diplomats, and the power to act as the Commander in
19 Chief. The Senate has a constitutional role in foreign policy
20 through its power to decide whether to ratify treaties or approve
21 diplomatic nominees. And the Congress as a whole has the power to
22 declare war. None of these powers is granted specifically to the
23 Speaker of the House; and

24 Whereas, In traveling to a foreign country in the midst of
25 global tensions, antagonizing one of the world's strongest powers,
26 and propounding foreign policy for the United States, Speaker
27 Pelosi abused her authority and infringed on the separation of
28 powers that is fundamental to our form of government. This
29 arrangement of power is essential to allow the country to speak to

1 the world with one unified voice. Speaker Pelosi was elected to
2 represent the residents of the Twelfth Congressional District of
3 California, not the entire country. In usurping her position,
4 Speaker Pelosi has endangered global peace and upset the balance of
5 power in the United States; and

6 Whereas, Rule XXIII, Clause 1 of the Rules of the House of
7 Representatives, the Code of Official Conduct, states: "A Member,
8 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House
9 shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably
10 on the House." Speaker Pelosi's actions to exert power beyond her
11 station do not reflect creditably on the House, in violation of
12 this rule; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
14 United States House of Representatives to condemn Speaker Pelosi
15 for abusing her authority and undermining the President's role in
16 negotiating with foreign countries during her visit to Taiwan in
17 August 2022; and be it further

18 Resolved, That we request a personal response to this
19 resolution be sent from Speaker Pelosi to the Speaker of the
20 Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the
23 members of the Michigan congressional delegation.