

China rips U.S. note of Taiwan resolution

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BEIJING -- Chinese officials oppose a U.S. congressional resolution marking the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, saying it interfered with internal affairs.

The U.S. House of Representatives this week voted for the resolution commemorating the 1979 passage of the act that requires the United States to provide Taiwan with military equipment for defense purposes, China's state-run Xinhua news agency reported Thursday.

"China is strongly dissatisfied and has lodged a solemn representation over the resolution adopted to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement.

China never recognized the legitimacy of the act, Xinhua said.

In his statement, the spokesman urged the United States "to follow the basic norms guiding international relations and the three Sino-U.S. joint communiques and stop the wrongful act of using the Taiwan issue to interfere in China's internal affairs."

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