



Republican National Committee

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RESOLUTION WARNING THAT CHINA'S "PEACEFUL RISE" MAY NOT BE PEACEFUL

WHEREAS, For the past decade China has embarked on a policy named *Peaceful Rise*, a term used primarily to reassure the nations of Asia and the United States that the rise of China in military and economic prominence is not a threat to peace and stability, and that other nations actually will benefit from China's rising power and influence; and

WHEREAS, China has clearly signaled that its "rise" may not have entirely peaceful aspects by forcing the Philippines to back away from several contested reefs and shoals in the South China Sea by sending waves of increasingly powerful vessels to the area; and

WHEREAS, China has clearly signaled that its "rise" may not have entirely peaceful aspects by duplicating that strategy in the East China Sea, but with more intensity. Because of the frequent use of aircraft; Fumio Kishida, Japan's foreign minister, said China is trying to "unilaterally alter the status quo by coercive measures" and

WHEREAS, China has clearly signaled that its "rise" may not have entirely peaceful aspects by strongly denouncing Japan's military buildup, begging the question, "If China's strategic vision is entirely peaceful, why would it fear a strong Japanese military?" and

WHEREAS, China has clearly signaled that its "rise" may not have entirely peaceful aspects by unilaterally expanding its Air Defense Identification Zone into East China Sea international airspace; and

WHEREAS, China has clearly signaled that its "rise" may not have entirely peaceful aspects by the extremely provocative and intentional act of blocking a United States warship in international waters, placing the U.S. crew and ship in significant danger, and subsequently claiming media reports of the incident were untrue; and

WHEREAS, China has clearly signaled that its "rise" may not have entirely peaceful aspects by passing the Anti-Secession Law in 2005, which states that Taiwan should be united with mainland China, preferably by peaceful means, but in case Taiwan should formally declare independence or refuse to submit, that *China will use force*; and

WHEREAS, China has clearly signaled that its “rise” may not have entirely peaceful aspects by boasting that Beijing’s nuclear submarines can attack American cities on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, China seeks to conceal its intentions by rebranding “peaceful rise” as “peaceful development; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee warns countries throughout the world that China’s “rise” is not entirely peaceful; and

RESOLVED , The Republican National Committee recognizes that China’s actions have galvanized the entire Indo-Pacific region to rise in opposition and bolster their respective defenses; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee urges the Obama administration to take a strong stand against China’s regional hegemony.

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