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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Good health is essential to every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public health; and

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WHEREAS, The World Health Organization (WHO) set forth in the first chapter of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all the people of the world; and

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WHEREAS, The Republic of China's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague, and the first to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations; and

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WHEREAS, In recent years the Republic of China has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international health activities supported by the World Health Organization; and

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WHEREAS, Direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums and programs is essential to limit

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1 the spread of various infectious diseases, including SARS and  
2 Avian Flu, and improve world health; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the World Health  
4 Organization could bring many benefits to the state of health  
5 not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy  
7 review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's  
8 participation in appropriate international organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and  
10 Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close  
11 collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois continues to acknowledge and appreciate  
13 its important economic, educational, and cultural ties with  
14 Taiwan recognized through the establishment of sister-state  
15 relations with Taiwan since 1992; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 support Taiwan's admission as an observer to the World Health  
19 Organization and expresses the belief that the Republic of  
20 China (Taiwan) should be permitted to participate in a  
21 meaningful and appropriate way in the World Health

1 Organization; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent  
3 to World Health Organization.