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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 participation as a member of the World Health
19 Organization; until that occurs, Taiwan needs to be accepted as
20 an observer in the World Health Assembly (WHA); and be it
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1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
2 to United States Secretary of State Dr. Condoleeza Rice,
3 Director General of the World Health Organization Dr. Margaret
4 Chan, and Director General Thomas Cheng of the Taipei Economic
5 and Cultural Office in Chicago.