

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Direct, unobstructed participation in
22 international health forums and programs is essential to
23 limit the spread of various infectious diseases and improve
24 world health; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control
2 and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed
3 close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois continues to acknowledge and appreciate
6 its important economic, educational, and cultural ties with
7 Taiwan recognized through the establishment of sister-state
8 relations with Taiwan since 1992; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we support Taiwan's admission as an observer to the World
12 Health Organization and expresses the belief that the
13 Republic of China (Taiwan) should be permitted to participate
14 in a meaningful and appropriate way in the World Health
15 Organization; and be it further

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