

1 SENATE 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 people; and

9 WHEREAS, The Republic of China (Taiwan) was one of the
10 founding members of the WHO, but was forced out in 1972 upon
11 the admission of the People's Republic of China to the United
12 Nations; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control
14 and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed
15 close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In recent years the Republic of China (Taiwan)
18 has expressed a willingness to assist financially and
19 technically with international aid and health activities
20 supported by the WHO; and

21 WHEREAS, The Republic of China's (Taiwan) population of
22 twenty-three million is larger than that of seventy-five
23 percent of the WHO member states; and

24 WHEREAS, The Republic of China's (Taiwan) achievements in
25 the field of health are substantial, including one of the
26 highest life expectancy levels in Asia, and maternal and
27 infant mortality rates comparable to western countries; and

1 WHEREAS, The World Health Assembly has allowed observers
2 to participate in the activities of the organization,
3 including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974, the
4 Order of Maltz, and the Holy See in the early 1950s; and

5 WHEREAS, The World Health Assembly will open a 5-day
6 summit in Geneva, Switzerland on May 13, 2002 that the
7 Republic of China (Taiwan) will not be able to attend or even
8 sit as an observer; and

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

12 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the Republic of China
13 (Taiwan) have maintained a friendly and fruitful sister-state
14 relationship since 1992; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our belief
17 that the Republic of China (Taiwan) should be permitted to
18 participate in a meaningful and appropriate way in the World
19 Health Organization; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we express our support for the Republic of
21 China (Taiwan) to be granted admission as an observer to the
22 World Health Organization; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
24 the World Health Organization and to the Taipei Economic and
25 Cultural Office in Chicago.