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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 02-1039

101 **CONCERNING ENDORSEMENT OF THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN**
102 **THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.**

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

4 WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international
5 health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the
6 world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border
7 spread of various infectious diseases such as the human
8 immunodeficiency virus, tuberculosis, and malaria; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is larger
10 than that of 3/4 of the member states already in the World Health
11 Organization; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are
13 substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia;
14 maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western
15 countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera,

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1 smallpox, the plague, and polio; and providing hepatitis B vaccinations
2 to children; and

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

6 WHEREAS, In recent years, Taiwan has expressed a willingness
7 to assist financially and technically in international aid and health
8 activities supported by the World Health Organization; and

9 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has allowed
10 observers to participate in the activities of the organization, including the
11 Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974 and the Order of Malta and the
12 Holy See in the early 1950s; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy
14 Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in
15 appropriate international organizations; now, therefore,

16 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*
18 *herein:*

19 That, in light of all the benefits that Taiwan's participation in the
20 World Health Organization can bring to the state of health not only in
21 Taiwan, but also regionally and globally, we, the members of the
22 Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, endorse observer
23 status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in
24 May 2002, in Geneva, Switzerland.

25 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be sent to
26 President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of
27 Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, and the Taipei Economic
28 and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Missouri.