



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 03-1055

BY REPRESENTATIVES Spradley, Boyd, Brophy, Butcher, Cadman, Carroll, Clapp, Cloer, Coleman, Crane, Decker, Fritz, Hall, Harvey, Hefley, Hoppe, Jahn, Johnson R., King, Larson, Lundberg, McFadyen, Merrifield, Miller, Ragsdale, Rhodes, Rippy, Romanoff, Rose, Salazar, Schultheis, Sinclair, Smith, Spence, Stafford, Stengel, Tochtrop, Weddig, White, Wiens, Williams S., Williams T., and Young;

also SENATORS Andrews, Anderson, Arnold, Cairns, Chlouber, Dyer, Entz, Evans, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Groff, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hillman, Isgar, Johnson S., Jones, Keller, Lamborn, Linkhart, May R., McElhany, Nichol, Owen, Phillips, Reeves, Sandoval, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Teck, Tupa, and Windels.

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

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

WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which has plagued Asia and affected the United States and Canada; and

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

WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including achieving one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; lowering maternal and infant mortality rates to a level comparable to those of western countries; eradicating such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, the plague, and polio; and providing hepatitis B vaccinations to children; and

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

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

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

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

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That, in light of all the benefits that Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally, we, the members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, endorse observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

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

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