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5 By: Senator Critcher
6 By: Representative Wyatt

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO COMMEND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN FOR
11 ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROMOTING WORLD HEALTH AND
12 TO SUPPORT ITS BID TO OBTAIN OBSERVER STATUS IN
13 THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

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15 **Subtitle**

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20 WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

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23 WHEREAS, good health is essential to every citizen of the world, and
24 access to the highest standards of health services and information is
25 necessary to maintain and improve public health; and

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27 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization is committed to attaining the
28 highest possible level of health for all people; and

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30 WHEREAS, the United States Senate, United States House of
31 Representatives, European Parliament, and numerous individual states have
32 formally endorsed and supported the Republic of China on Taiwan's bid to
33 obtain observer status in the World Health Organization; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan's achievements in the field of
36 health are substantial, including one (1) of the highest life-expectancy



1 levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of
2 western countries, the eradication of infectious diseases such as cholera,
3 smallpox, and the plague, and providing children with hepatitis B
4 vaccinations; and

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6 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
7 and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide
8 range of public health issues; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan has expressed a willingness
11 to assist financially and technically in international aid and health
12 activities supported by the World Health Organization; and

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14 WHEREAS, in response to the worldwide threat posed by severe acute
15 respiratory syndrome, health officials in Taiwan have adopted all necessary
16 measures mandated by the World Health Organization to cope with this disease;
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19 WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan are willing and able to contribute
20 significantly to international relief efforts, as demonstrated by their
21 humanitarian aid support following the 2004 tsunami disaster in Asia; and

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23 WHEREAS, as the pace of globalization quickens and the spread of
24 infectious disease accelerates, it is crucial that all people, including the
25 people of Taiwan, be given the opportunity to participate in international
26 health organizations such as the World Health Organization,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE
30 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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32 That the Senate of the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly commends the
33 Republic of China on Taiwan for its contributions to promoting world health
34 and supports its bid to obtain observer status in the World Health
35 Organization.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 transmitted to United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike
3 Leavitt and all members of Arkansas' Congressional Delegation.

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