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Sending a message of goodwill to President Chen Shui-bian and to the people of Taiwan, and reaffirming the Alaska State Legislature's 2003 resolution urging the United States Congress to support the granting of official Observer Status to the Republic of China on Taiwan and to support negotiation of a free trade agreement with the Republic of China on Taiwan.

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## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

**WHEREAS** President Chen Shui-bian has been reelected as President of the Republic of China on Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS** Legislative Resolve No. 29, passed by the Alaska State Legislature in the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Third Legislature, continues to reflect the view of the legislature; and

**WHEREAS** the United States, including the State of Alaska, and Taiwan have long been valued and close partners in trade and cultural exchanges; and

**WHEREAS** Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States and is a significant trading partner of the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** Taiwan is showing signs of significant potential for increasing trade with the United States and the State of Alaska as the world economy continues to recover from

recession; and

**WHEREAS** free trade among the peoples of the world is of vital importance to the United States, including the citizens of Alaska, and to Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS** the importance of free trade is strongly acknowledged in Alaska; the Municipality of Anchorage and the City of Taipei having signed a Partner Cities Agreement to encourage trade and cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS** the United States and Taiwan have, for decades, been willing signers of mutual defense treaties; and

**WHEREAS** the health of the peoples of the world is of vital importance to the United States, including the citizens of Alaska, and Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS** the people of the United States and Taiwan have generously contributed to programs that benefit the health of the peoples of the world; and

**WHEREAS** it would be mutually beneficial to the people of the United States, including Alaska, and the people of Taiwan to both assist and realize a continuation of international efforts the goal of which is to expand and further develop health-related knowledge; and

**WHEREAS** today there is a strong need for the rapid and complete international dissemination of health-medical information and research results, in view of the recent outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), considered to be a worldwide health threat;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature continues to encourage the United States Congress to authorize the United States to endorse the request by the Republic of China on Taiwan to be granted official Observer Status at the World Health Organization; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature again urges the United States Congress to encourage the administration of President George W. Bush to negotiate a free trade agreement with the Republic of China on Taiwan; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature sends a message of goodwill to President Chen Shui-bian regarding his reelection and reaffirming the State of Alaska's relationship with the Republic of China on Taiwan.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Chen Shui-bian, President of

the Republic of China on Taiwan; the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Colin Powell, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Tommy Thompson, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; the World Health Assembly; the World Health Organization; Jack K. C. Chiang, Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, 2001 Sixth Avenue, Suite 2410, Seattle, WA 98121; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.