

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE, AND TOURISM**

**Introduced: 4/22/02**

**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Supporting the participation of Taiwan in the annual summit of the World Health**  
2 **Assembly.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation  
5 forums and programs is crucial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater  
6 potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as AIDS; and

7 **WHEREAS** Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including  
8 one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates  
9 comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of the infectious diseases of cholera,  
10 smallpox, and the plague, and being the first to be rid of polio and to provide children with  
11 free hepatitis B vaccinations; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its  
13 Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health  
14 issues; and

15 **WHEREAS** in recent years the Republic of China (Taiwan) has expressed a

1 willingness to assist financially and technically the international aid and health activities  
2 supported by the World Health Organization (WHO); and

3 **WHEREAS** Taiwan's population of 23,000,000 is larger than that of 75 percent of the  
4 WHO member states; and

5 **WHEREAS** the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy review, declared its  
6 intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations; and

7 **WHEREAS** Taiwan's participation in the WHO could bring many benefits to the state  
8 of health not only in Taiwan but also regionally and globally;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its belief that the  
10 Republic of China (Taiwan) should be permitted to participate in a meaningful and  
11 appropriate way in the World Health Organization annual conference in May 2002.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
13 of the United States; the Honorable Colin Powell, United States Secretary of State; the  
14 Honorable Tommy Thompson, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; the  
15 World Health Assembly; the World Health Organization; Jack K. C. Chiang, Director  
16 General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
17 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
18 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.