

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/10/06

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to support the granting of official Observer Status to**
2 **the Republic of China at the World Health Assembly Annual Conference to be held at**
3 **Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2006.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the health of the peoples of the world is of vital importance to the United
6 States, including the citizens of Alaska, and to the Republic of China; and

7 **WHEREAS** the people of the United States and the Republic of China have
8 generously contributed to programs that benefit the health of the peoples of the world; and

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

13 **WHEREAS** today there is a strong need for the rapid and complete international
14 dissemination of health-medical information and research results in view of the recent
15 outbreaks of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Avian Influenza, considered to

1 be worldwide health threats;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United States
3 Congress to authorize the United States to endorse the request by the Republic of China to be
4 granted Observer Status at the World Health Assembly Annual Conference in May 2006 at
5 Geneva, Switzerland.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Chen Shui-bian, President of
7 the Republic of China; the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the
8 Honorable Condoleeza Rice, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Michael O.
9 Leavitt, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; the World Health Assembly;
10 the World Health Organization; Robert C. M. Chen, Director General, Taipei Economic and
11 Cultural Office in Seattle, 600 University Street, Suite 2020, Seattle, WA 98101; and to the
12 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
13 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.