HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to the membership of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the United**
2 **Nations.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** China has been a divided nation since 1949, and the Republic of China
5 on Taiwan and the People's Republic of China on the Chinese mainland have exercised
6 exclusive jurisdiction over separate parts of China; and
7 **WHEREAS** the United Nations' General Assembly Resolution 2758 adopted in 1971
8 does not constitute a complete solution to the issue of China's seat in the United Nations; and
9 **WHEREAS** the Republic of China on Taiwan acknowledges that two equal and
10 distinct political entities exist within the divided China; and
11 **WHEREAS** the Republic of China on Taiwan is currently the 14th largest trading
12 nation in the world; its gross national product is the 20th largest national product in the world;
13 its annual per capita income exceeds $10,000; its foreign exchange reserves exceed
14 $80,000,000,000; and it has become the seventh largest outbound investor in the world; and
15 **WHEREAS** the 21,000,000 people on Taiwan enjoy a democratic form of government,
16 and the policies of the Republic of China on Taiwan conform to those of other democratic

1 nations; and

2 **WHEREAS** the Republic of China on Taiwan has joined other nations in responding
3 to international disasters and crises, has undertaken programs of assistance for less developed
4 nations, and has in other ways accepted regional and global responsibilities; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Republic of China on Taiwan has joined several important multilateral
6 organizations in recent years, including the Asia/Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Asian
7 Development Bank, and its admission into these organizations has been supported by the
8 United States; and

9 **WHEREAS** a consensus has emerged in the Republic of China on Taiwan that it
10 should participate in the United Nations, and the Republic of China on Taiwan has launched
11 a campaign to pursue a seat in the United Nations without prejudice to the current position
12 of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations; and

13 **WHEREAS** membership of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the United Nations
14 conforms to the United Nations' principle of universality and would contribute to the peace
15 and stability of the Pacific region, and, therefore, to the interests of the United States;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Republic of China on
17 Taiwan deserves to be allowed full membership in the United Nations.

18 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
19 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
20 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Boutros Boutros Ghali, Secretary-General of the United
21 Nations; the Honorable Madeleine Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; the
22 Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas
23 S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
24 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
25 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.