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## *House Special Committee Economic Development, Trade & Tourism*

### **SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HJR 50 A RESOLUTION**

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

Direct participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is crucial for all parts of the world, especially with today’s greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases.

The United States House of Representatives passed a resolution in December 2001, urging states to push for Taiwan’s participation in the World Health Assembly’s annual conference.

Taiwan has made substantial achievements in the field of public health while demonstrating a willingness to provide technical and financial assistance to international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Order (WHO). During the last seven years, Taiwan has contributed \$100 million to 78 countries. A WHO membership is vital to Taiwan in order to gain access to the latest information on epidemics and diseases. While Taiwan has been able to indirectly acquire health information, it is often a case of “too little, too late.”

Taiwan can play a more active role in the international community by assisting other nations in developing health programs and cooperate to fulfill the WHO goal of promoting the health of mankind and a better future of the world.

Through continued communication and collaboration, participation in the WHO could bring many benefits to the state of health not only in Taiwan but also regionally and globally.

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107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**H. R. 2739**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20 (legislative day, DECEMBER 18), 2001

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MARCH 19, 2002

Reported by Mr. BIDEN, without amendment

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**AN ACT**

To amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LAW 107-10.

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 1(a) of Public Law 107-10  
5 (115 Stat. 17) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

1           “(12) On May 11, 2001, President Bush stated  
2           in his letter to Senator Murkowski that the United  
3           States ‘should find opportunities for Taiwan’s voice  
4           to be heard in international organizations in order to  
5           make a contribution, even if membership is not pos-  
6           sible’, further stating that his Administration ‘has  
7           focused on finding concrete ways for Taiwan to ben-  
8           efit and contribute to the WHO.’.

9           “(13) On May 16, 2001, as part of the United  
10          States delegation to the World Health Assembly  
11          meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, Secretary of Health  
12          and Human Services Tommy Thompson announced  
13          to the American International Club the Administra-  
14          tion’s support of Taiwan’s participation in the activi-  
15          ties of the WHO.”.

16          (b) PLAN.—Section 1(b)(1) of Public Law 107–10  
17          (115 Stat. 17) is amended by striking “May 2001” and  
18          inserting “May 2002”.

          Passed the House of Representatives December 19,  
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 428

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## AN ACT

Concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health  
Organization.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SECTION 1. CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN  
2 IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
3 (WHO).

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following  
5 findings:

6 (1) Good health is a basic right for every citizen  
7 of the world and access to the highest standards of  
8 health information and services is necessary to help  
9 guarantee this right.

10 (2) Direct and unobstructed participation in  
11 international health cooperation forums and pro-  
12 grams is therefore crucial for all parts of the world,  
13 especially with today's greater potential for the  
14 cross-border spread of various infectious diseases  
15 such as AIDS.

16 (3) Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is  
17 larger than that of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the member states already  
18 in the World Health Organization (WHO).

19 (4) Taiwan's achievements in the field of health  
20 are substantial, including one of the highest life ex-  
21 pectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mor-  
22 tality rates comparable to those of western countries,  
23 the eradication of such infectious diseases as chol-  
24 era, smallpox, and the plague, and the first to be rid  
25 of polio and to provide children with free hepatitis  
26 B vaccinations.

1           (5) The United States Centers for Disease Con-  
2           trol and its Taiwan counterpart agencies have en-  
3           joyed close collaboration on a wide range of public  
4           health issues.

5           (6) In recent years Taiwan has expressed a will-  
6           ingness to assist financially and technically in inter-  
7           national aid and health activities supported by the  
8           WHO.

9           (7) On January 14, 2001, an earthquake, reg-  
10          istering between 7.6 and 7.9 on the Richter scale,  
11          struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese gov-  
12          ernment sent 2 rescue teams, consisting of 90 indi-  
13          viduals specializing in firefighting, medicine, and  
14          civil engineering. The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign  
15          Affairs also donated \$200,000 in relief aid to the  
16          Salvadoran Government.

17          (8) The World Health Assembly has allowed ob-  
18          servers to participate in the activities of the organi-  
19          zation, including the Palestine Liberation Organiza-  
20          tion in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See  
21          in the early 1950's.

22          (9) The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Pol-  
23          icy Review, declared its intention to support Tai-  
24          wan's participation in appropriate international or-  
25          ganizations.

1           (10) Public Law 106-137 required the Sec-  
2           retary of State to submit a report to the Congress  
3           on efforts by the executive branch to support Tai-  
4           wan's participation in international organizations, in  
5           particular the WHO.

6           (11) In light of all the benefits that Taiwan's  
7           participation in the WHO can bring to the state of  
8           health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and  
9           globally, Taiwan and its 23,500,000 people should  
10          have appropriate and meaningful participation in the  
11          WHO.

12          (b) PLAN.—The Secretary of State shall initiate a  
13          United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status  
14          for Taiwan at the annual week-long summit of the World  
15          Health Assembly in May 2001 in Geneva, Switzerland,  
16          and shall instruct the United States delegation to Geneva  
17          to implement that plan.

18          (c) REPORT.—Not later than 14 days after the date  
19          of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall

- 1 submit a written report to the Congress in unclassified
- 2 form containing the plan required under subsection (b).

Passed the House of Representatives April 24, 2001.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

S. 1081

### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Introduced by Senator Leventis, *Grise, Verdin*

TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL AND APPROPRIATE WAY IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

#### IN THE SENATE

DATE FEB 28 2002

ORDERED ADOPTED

Introduced	_____	_____
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SENT TO THE HOUSE

By Order of the Senate

*Jeffery Donatt*  
Clerk

#### IN THE HOUSE

DATE MAR 5 2002

ORDERED ADOPTED

Introduced	_____	_____
Considered	_____	_____
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CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO SENATE By Order of the House

*Andrea P. McHenry*  
Clerk

MAR 6 2002

IN THE SENATE

House Amendments agreed to and a message sent accordingly  
Concurrence of House RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

*Jeffery Donatt*  
Clerk

1 Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
2 Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close  
3 collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and  
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5 Whereas, in recent years the Republic of China (ROC) has  
6 expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically  
7 international aid and health activities supported by the WHO; and  
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9 Whereas, ROC's population of twenty-three million is larger than  
10 that of seventy-five percent of the WHO member states; and  
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12 Whereas, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to  
13 participate in the activities of the organization, including the  
14 Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974, the Order of Malta, and  
15 the Holy See in the early 1950's and;  
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17 Whereas, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy review,  
18 declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in  
19 appropriate international organizations; and  
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21 Whereas, the State of South Carolina and Taiwan have maintained  
22 a friendly and fruitful sister-state relationship since 1981; and  
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24 Whereas, Taiwan's participation in the WHO could bring many  
25 benefits to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also  
26 regionally and globally. Now, therefore,  
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28 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives  
29 concurring:  
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31 That the members of the General Assembly express their belief  
32 that the Republic of China (Taiwan) should be permitted to  
33 participate in a meaningful and appropriate way in the World  
34 Health Organization.  
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36 Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
37 the World Health Organization.  
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House of Representatives

House Resolution 1121

By: Representative Murphy of the 18<sup>th</sup>

A RESOLUTION

Commending the Republic of China (on Taiwan) on its contributions to promote world health; and for other purposes.

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) set forth in the first chapter of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the first to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations; and

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

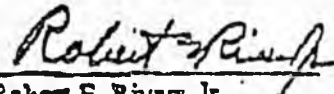
WHEREAS, in recent years the Republic of China has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international health activities supported by the WHO; and

WHEREAS, direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums and programs is critical to limit the spread of various infectious diseases and achieve world health.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the efforts of the Republic of China (on Taiwan) in support of world health are commended and best wishes are extended for its appropriate participation in the World Health Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Maggie Tica, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.

IN HOUSE  
Read and Adopted  
February 14, 2002

  
Robert E. Rivers, Jr.  
Clerk



Georgia State Senate



A RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) set forth in the first chapter of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people; and

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

WHEREAS, in recent years the Republic of China has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international health activities supported by the WHO; and

WHEREAS, direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums and programs is critical to limit the spread of various infectious diseases and achieve world health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the efforts of the Republic of China in support of world health are commended and best wishes are extended for its appropriate participation in the World Health Organization.

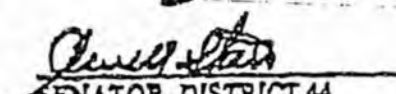
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Maggie Tien, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.

Senate Resolution 696  
By: Senator Star of the 44th

Adopted in the Senate February 26, 2002

  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

  
SENATOR, DISTRICT 44





## Assembly Joint Resolution No. 15

Introduced by Assemblymen: **Walt Anderson, Arthur Berry, Walter Boyd, Vernon Brown, Brown, Buckley, Carpenter, Cogswell, Cummings, Clavin, Collins, DeGra, Freeman, Gibbons, Givachigian, Coleman, Gustafson, Hattler, Howard, Kolypa, LeClair, Lippard, Hirsch, McCall, Morrison, McLaughlin, Miller, Dreyfus, O'Rourke, Rahn, Farrell, Terhune, Fritz, Smith, Tiffany, Webb, Taylor, and Williams.**

Senators: **Jacobson, Arnold, Carr, Collins, Collins, James, McInerney, Neill, O'Connell, O'Donnell, Pomeroy, Rogge, Sawyer, Shambaugh, Schuchman, Shultz, Tolson, Tompkins, Washington, and Wilson.**

WHEREAS, Good health is a basic right for every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to help guarantee this right; and

WHEREAS, Participation in international health programs is crucial to world health as the potential for the spread of various infectious diseases increases proportionately with the increase in world trade and travel; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization set forth in the first chapter of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, the World Health Organization established "Health for All by the Year 2000" as its overriding priority and reaffirmed that commitment in 1988 by endorsing a new global health policy "Health for All in the 21st Century"; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23 million is larger than three quarters of the member states already in the World Health Organization, and the country shares the noble goals of that organization; and

WHEREAS, The achievements of Taiwan in the field of health are substantial and include one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the distinction of being the first country in the world to provide children with free hepatitis B vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, Before its loss of membership in the World Health Organization in 1972, Taiwan sent specialists to serve in other member countries on countless health projects and its health experts held key positions in the organization, all to the benefit of the entire Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, Presently, this remarkable country is not allowed to participate in any forums and workshops organized by the World Health Organization concerning the latest technologies in the diagnosis, monitoring and control of disease; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the government and the expert scientists and doctors in the field of medicine of Taiwan have expressed a willingness to assist financially or technically in international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization, but these offers have invariably been refused; and

WHEREAS, According to the constitution of the World Health Organization, Taiwan does not fulfill the criteria for membership; and

WHEREAS, Because the World Health Organization does not allow observers to participate in the activities of the organization and participation by Taiwan would bring tremendous benefits, it is in the best interests of all persons in this world that Taiwan be admitted to the World Health Organization; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,** That the members of the Legislature of the Nevada Legislature do hereby urge President Bush and the Congress of the United States to support all efforts made by Taiwan of the Republic of China to gain meaningful participation in the World Health Organization; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the policy of the United States should include the pursuit of an initiative in the World Health Organization that would ensure such participation; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the World Health Organization, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.



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April 16, 2002

The Hon. Lesil L. McGuire  
Chair  
House Special Committee on  
Economic Development, Trade and Tourism  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Dear Representative McGuire:

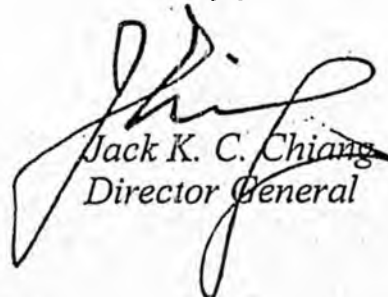
Thank you so much for your warm message on my request of a House Resolution supporting for Taiwan's WHO bid. I am very glad to learn that your esteemed Committee will offer this Resolution to us, especially since I know how busy you are this time of year's session. On behalf of my government, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to you for your strong support in this matter.

I am sure that Taiwan can play a more active role in the international community by assisting other nations in developing a variety of health programs and cooperate with all nations to fulfill the WHO goal of promoting the health of mankind and a better future of the world. Once Taiwan becomes a member of the WHO, not only can the citizens of Taiwan benefit from the first-hand information on epidemics and diseases, but other WHO members will benefit from Taiwan's sustained contribution.

Again, thank you for your great support. I am looking forward to calling upon you in the near future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Jack K. C. Chiang  
Director General

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March 28, 2002

The Honorable Brian Porter  
Speaker of the House  
State of Alaska  
716 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Suite 300  
Anchorage, AK 99501-2133

Dear Speaker Porter:

I am writing to solicit your support for Taiwan's participation in the annual summit of the World Health Assembly (WHA), the highest decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO), in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Taiwan has made substantial achievements in the field of public health and has demonstrated a willingness to provide technical and financial assistance to international aid and health activities supported by the WHO. During the last seven years, Taiwan has contributed \$100 million to 78 countries. A WHO membership is vital to Taiwan since it will gain access to the latest information on epidemics and diseases. While Taiwan has been able to indirectly acquire health information, it is often a case of "too little, too late." For instance, the deaths of those 80 children in Taiwan in 1998 might have been prevented with early-warning reports. To prevent such a tragedy from ever recurring, Taiwan would like to participate in the WHO, even only as an observer.

To echo Taiwan's bid for observer status at the WHA, US House of Representatives passed a bill, H.R. 2739, in December 2001 urging the US to push for Taiwan's participation in the coming WHA annual conference in May 2002. A bill, identical to the one adopted by the House, was unanimously passed by the U.S. Senate on March 19, 2002.

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Indeed, support for Taiwan's participation in the WHO is fairly strong in the United States. For instance, the Nevada State Legislature, South Carolina State Legislature and Georgia State House of Representatives have already passed resolutions supporting for Taiwan's WHO bid. Considering the fact that the state of Alaska and Taiwan are enjoying an amicable and beneficial relationship, I hereby respectfully urge you to show your support for Taiwan's participation in the upcoming WHA annual conference by passing a resolution. If you think there is no possibility to propose a resolution for now. I hope you can write letters to President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson to push for Taiwan's bid, preferably with endorsement by your colleagues.

Enclosed please find the bill H.R. 2739 and the resolutions passed by Nevada, South Carolina and Georgia State Legislature for your reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your great support. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



Jack K. C. Chiang  
Director General