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

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

WHEREAS China has been a divided nation since 1949, and the Republic of China on Taiwan and the People's Republic of China on the Chinese mainland have exercised exclusive jurisdiction over separate parts of China; and

WHEREAS the United Nations' General Assembly Resolution 2758 adopted in 1971 does not constitute a complete solution to the issue of China's seat in the United Nations; and

WHEREAS the Republic of China on Taiwan acknowledges that two equal and distinct political entities exist within the divided China; and

WHEREAS the Republic of China on Taiwan is currently the 14th largest trading nation in the world; its gross national product is the 20th largest national product in the world; its annual per capita income exceeds \$10,000; its foreign exchange reserves exceed \$80,000,000,000; and it has become the seventh largest outbound investor in the world; and

WHEREAS the 21,000,000 people on Taiwan enjoy a democratic form of government, and the policies of the Republic of China on Taiwan conform to those of other democratic nations; and

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

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

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

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

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

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