

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1850

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9 A RESOLUTION concerning endorsement of the participation of Tai-
10 wan in the World Health Organization.

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12 WHEREAS, Good health is important to every citizen of the world
13 and access to the highest standards of health information and services is
14 necessary to improve public health; and

15 WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international
16 health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the
17 world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread
18 of various infectious diseases; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is larger than
20 that of three-fourths of the member states already in the World Health
21 Organization; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substan-
23 tial, including achieving one of the highest life-expectancy levels in Asia;
24 lowering maternal and infant mortality rates to a level comparable to those
25 of western countries; eradicating such infectious diseases as cholera,
26 smallpox, the plague and polio; and providing hepatitis B vaccinations to
27 children; and

28 WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
29 vention and its Taiwan counterpart agencies have enjoyed close collabo-
30 ration on a wide range of public health issues; and

31 WHEREAS, In recent years, Taiwan has expressed a willingness to
32 assist financially and technically in international aid and health activities
33 supported by the World Health Organization; and

34 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has allowed observers to
35 participate in the activities of the organization, including the Palestine
36 Liberation Organization in 1974 and the Order of Malta and the Holy
37 See in the early 1950's; and

38 WHEREAS, The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review,
39 declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate
40 international organizations: Now, therefore,

41 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate
42 endorses observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization;
43 and

1 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
2 send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United
3 States and the Secretary of State of the United States.