

Senate Joint Resolution No. 15—Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President and Congress to continue to support the participation of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

WHEREAS, In the first chapter of its charter, the World Health Organization set forth the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people, and participation in international health programs is crucial as the potential for the spread of infectious diseases increases proportionately with increases in world trade, travel and population; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of over 23 million is larger than three-fourths of the member countries who currently participate in the World Health 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 or 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 of Taiwan have expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization, but these offers have been refused; and

WHEREAS, Admittance of Taiwan to the World Health Organization would bring tremendous benefits to all persons in this world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature



hereby urge President George W. Bush and the Congress of the United States to continue to support all efforts made by the Republic of China on Taiwan to gain meaningful participation in the World Health Organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, the Executive Director of the Las Vegas Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce and the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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