

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1625

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION concerning endorsement of the par-
11 ticipation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.
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13 WHEREAS, Good health is important to every citizen of the world
14 and access to the highest standards of health information and services is
15 necessary to improve public health; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*
39 *resentatives concurring therein:* That the Legislature endorses Taiwan's
40 participation in the World Health Organization; and

41 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send
42 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,
43 the Secretary of State of the United States, the United States Secretary

1 of Health and Human Services and each member of the Kansas Con-
2 gressional Delegation.