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2005 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 52

March 14, 2006 - Introduced by Representatives Freese, Gronemus, Kaufert, TURNER, PETROWSKI, M. WILLIAMS and KRAWCZYK. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. 1 Whereas, Taiwan is America's 10th largest export market and Wisconsin's 16th 3 largest foreign market; and 4 Whereas, Taiwan has established a sister-state relationship with Wisconsin 5 and endeavors to continue the exchange of ideas and programs and to enhance cooperation in all fields; and 6 Whereas, Taiwan values the principles of democracy, religious freedom, 8 humanitarianism, and market economics, which are hallmarks of the state of 9 Wisconsin and of the United States of America; and Whereas, through persistence and pragmatism, Taiwan has become one of the most prosperous democratic countries in the world; and Whereas, the principle of "universal participation" is the core of the World 13 Health Organization's constitutional mandate to advance the health of all people,

including the 23 million people and more than 400,000 foreign nationals in Taiwan;

Whereas, the need for global cooperation in preventing avian and human influenza pandemics is becoming ever more urgent, and Taiwan has the unique experience of successfully fighting the deadly SARS virus in 2003 and the ability to produce a generic version of Tamiflu and is willing to contribute more fully to international health cooperation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly support Taiwan's efforts to obtain observer status and Taiwan's full participation in the World Health Organization, which will allow it to better serve the medical and health needs of its people and immigrant workers that reside in Taiwan and will enable it to contribute its experience and technologies to international health cooperation; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to Dr. Jong-wook Lee, Director-General of the WHO, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

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