

2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

May 3, 2007 – Introduced by Senators A. LASEE, SCHULTZ and LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representatives GRONEMUS, M. WILLIAMS, GOTTLIEB, SHERIDAN, KREUSER, SCHNEIDER, MOLEPSKE and GARTHWAITE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** supporting Taiwan’s admission to the World Health Organization.

2 Whereas, good health is essential to every citizen of the world, and access to the
3 highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public
4 health; and

5 Whereas, the World Health Organization (WHO) has set forth in the first
6 chapter of its charter the principle of “universal participation” to advance the health
7 of all people, including the 23 million people in Taiwan; and

8 Whereas, direct and unobstructed participation in international health forums
9 and programs is essential to limit the spread of various infectious diseases, including
10 severe acute respiratory syndrome and avian flu; and

11 Whereas, in recent years the Republic of China (Taiwan) has expressed a
12 willingness to assist financially and technically in international health activities
13 supported by WHO; and

Whereas, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations; and

Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

Whereas, Taiwan values the principles of democracy, religious freedom, humanitarianism, and market economics, which are hallmarks of the state of Wisconsin and of the United States of America; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature support Taiwan’s admission as an observer to WHO and its full participation in WHO; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the World Health Organization and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

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