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2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 55

May 21, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives Gronemus, M. Williams, Gottlieb, Sheridan, Kreuser, Schneider, Molepske and Garthwaite. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: supporting Taiwan's admission to the World Health Organization.

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

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

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

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

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1	Whereas, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its
2	intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international
3	organizations; and
4	Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its
5	Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public
6	health issues; and
7	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; now, therefore, be it
10	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
11	Wisconsin legislature support Taiwan's admission as an observer to WHO and its full
12	participation in WHO; and, be it further
13	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
14	to the World Health Organization and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
15	Chicago, Illinois.

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