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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1774*

Sponsors: Representatives Earle; Mitchell, Adams, Allen, Arnold, Barbee, Barefoot, Barnhart, Bowie, Church, M. Crawford, Creech, Culp, Culpepper, Cunningham, Daughtry, Dedmon, Dockham, Esposito, Grady, Gulley, Hackney, Haire, Hall, Harrington, Holmes, Insko, Jarrell, Jeffus, Kiser, McCombs, McLawhorn, McMahan, Nye, Owens, Preston, Rayfield, Sexton, Sherrill, Sutton, Teague, Tolson, Wainwright, Walend, Walker, Warner, Weatherly, West, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 27, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF CHIANG CHING-KUO,
2 LATE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN, AND
3 EXPRESSING THE BELIEF THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN
4 SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL AND
5 APPROPRIATE WAY IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

6 Whereas, good health is essential to every citizen of the world; and

7 Whereas, access to the highest standards of health information and services is
8 necessary to improve public health; and

9 Whereas, direct and unobstructed participation in international health forums
10 and programs is critical, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border
11 spread of various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),
12 tuberculosis, and malaria; and

13 Whereas, the World Health Organization (WHO) set forth in the first chapter
14 of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people;
15 and

16 Whereas, the Republic of China's achievements in the field of health are
17 substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and
18 infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such
19 infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the first to eradicate polio,
20 and to provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations; and

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

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

4 Whereas, ROC's population of twenty-three million is larger than that of
5 seventy-five percent of the WHO member states; and

6 Whereas, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate in
7 the activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in
8 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the early 1950s; and

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

12 Whereas, Taiwan's participation in the WHO could bring many benefits to the
13 state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally; Now, therefore,
14 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

15 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Chiang
16 Ching-kuo, former President of the Republic of China on Taiwan, whose policies helped
17 accelerate democracy in the Republic of China on Taiwan.

18 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its belief that the Republic of
19 China on Taiwan should be permitted to participate in a meaningful and appropriate
20 way in the World Health Organization.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
22 resolution to the World Health Organization.

23 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.