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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1774
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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 (ROC) SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL
5 AND 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, one of the World Health Organization's (WHO) objectives is to
14 attain the highest possible level of health for all people; and

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

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

24 Whereas, in recent years the ROC has expressed a willingness to assist
25 financially and technically international aid and health activities supported by the
26 WHO; and

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

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

4 Whereas, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy review, declared its
5 intention to support the ROC's participation in appropriate international organizations;
6 and

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

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

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

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to President George W. Bush, Governor Michael F. Easley, the World Health
18 Organization, and Ms. Maggie Tien, Director General of the Taipei Economic and
19 Cultural Office in Atlanta.

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