

By: Representative Warren

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON
2 TAIWAN FOR ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROMOTING WORLD HEALTH, AND
3 TO SUPPORT ITS BID TO OBTAIN OBSERVER STATUS IN THE WORLD HEALTH
4 ORGANIZATION AT THE ANNUAL SUMMIT OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN
5 MAY 2004 IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.

6 WHEREAS, the participation of health agencies in
7 international collaborative forums is essential for promoting good
8 health for all citizens throughout the world; and

9 WHEREAS, the global fight against the cross-border spread of
10 infectious diseases, including severe acute respiratory syndrome
11 (SARS), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and tuberculosis,
12 depends on close coordination among health agencies and the timely
13 sharing of health information; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a stable, prosperous democracy, with an
15 advanced health care system that has demonstrated a proven ability
16 to combat infectious diseases; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and
18 Prevention and its Taiwan counterpart organizations have enjoyed a
19 long history of fruitful collaboration; and

20 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) is the only
21 international organization solely dedicated to the promotion of
22 global health; and

23 WHEREAS, under the ideas of medical treatment without
24 boundaries and sympathy without boundaries, meaning that the basic
25 rights of peace, freedom and health should not be limited by
26 artificial boundaries, Taiwan's current exclusion from the WHO is
27 fundamentally inconsistent with its objective for the "attainment
28 by all peoples of the highest possible level of health":

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
31 THEREIN, That we commend the Republic of China on Taiwan for its
32 many contributions to promoting world health, and we support its
33 bid to obtain observer status in the World Health Organization at
34 the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2004 in
35 Geneva, Switzerland.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
37 forwarded to United States Secretary of Health and Human Services,
38 Tommy Thompson; Dr. Jong-wook Lee, Secretary General of WHO; Mr.
39 Edward Feng, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
40 Office in Houston; and members of the Capitol Press Corps.