

Senate Resolution 696

By: Senator Starr of the 44th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Commending the Republic of China on its contributions to promote world health; and for  
2 other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) set forth in the first chapter of its charter  
6 the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, in recent years the Republic of China has expressed a willingness to assist  
15 financially and technically in international health activities supported by the WHO; and

16 WHEREAS, direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums and programs  
17 is critical to limit the spread of various infectious diseases and achieve world health.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the efforts of the  
19 Republic of China in support of world health are commended and best wishes are extended  
20 for its appropriate participation in the World Health Organization.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Maggie Tien, Director General of the
- 3 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.