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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

Introduced by: Representatives Hunt, Cutler, Frost, Garnos, Heineman, Hennies, Klaudt, Kraus, Krebs, Michels, Pederson (Gordon), Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Tidemann, Tornow, Turbiville, Van Etten, Weems, and Willadsen and Senators Gray, Bartling, Broderick, Dempster, Koetzle, McNenny, Olson (Ed), Sutton (Dan), and Two Bulls

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Concerning endorsement of the participation of Taiwan in
2 the World Health Organization.

3 WHEREAS, good health is important 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, direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums
6 and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for
7 the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is larger than that of three-fourths
9 of the member states already in the World Health Organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including
11 achieving one of the highest life-expectancy levels in Asia; lowering maternal and infant
12 mortality rates to a level comparable to those of western countries; eradicating such infectious
13 diseases as cholera, smallpox, the plague, and polio; and providing hepatitis B vaccinations to
14 children; and



1 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwan
2 counterpart agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, in recent years, Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist financially and
5 technically in international aid and health activities supported by the World Health
6 Organization; and

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

10 WHEREAS, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to
11 support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth
13 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
14 endorses observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization.