



1           Whereas, The UN's World Health Organization (WHO) invited  
2 Taiwan to attend the World Health Assembly in 2009 and 2010 as an  
3 observer, setting precedents for Taiwan's meaningful participation  
4 in the UN's specialized agencies; and

5           Whereas, Taiwan's absence from the international organizations  
6 dealing with climate change like the United Nations Framework  
7 Convention on Climate Change has impeded Taiwan's ability to  
8 respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot, which struck  
9 Taiwan in the summer of 2009; and

10           Whereas, The Taoyuan International Airport is a key air  
11 transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, ranked the world's 15<sup>th</sup>  
12 largest by cargo volume in 2008, and 365,000 Americans traveled to  
13 Taiwan for business and leisure during 2009, consolidating aviation  
14 safety and regulation in Taiwan also a priority for Americans'  
15 safety and best interests; given Taiwan's prominent role in  
16 regional air control and transport services like meaningful  
17 participating in the International Civil Aviation Organization  
18 (ICAO), it would be beneficial for Taiwan, to safeguard the  
19 traveling of passengers from home and abroad; therefore, be it

20           *Resolved by the Senate:*

21           That the Senate hereby recognizes the Republic of China  
22 (Taiwan), on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

23           *Further Resolved,* That the Senate affirms its support for West  
24 Virginia's sister-state relationship with Taiwan; and, be it

1            *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward  
2 a copy of this resolution to the appropriate representatives from  
3 the Republic of China (Taiwan).