

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 23, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting Taiwan as an economic partner and a meaningful
2 participant in the World Health Organization.

3 WHEREAS, Recognizing 2009 as the 30th anniversary of the
4 enactment of the Taiwan Relation Act (TRA), providing the legal
5 basis for continued commercial, cultural and other relations
6 between the United States and Taiwan; and

7 WHEREAS, The TRA has been instrumental in maintaining
8 Taiwan's peace and security and has further underpinned Taiwan's
9 prosperity and development; and

10 WHEREAS, As a full-fledged democracy and robust free market
11 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and
12 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial
13 relations; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Taiwan have enjoyed a rich history
15 of friendship and economic cooperation; and

16 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth exported more than \$399 million
17 worth of products to Taiwan in 2008, making Taiwan the 18th-
18 largest foreign export market for Pennsylvania; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan has been invited to participate in the World
2 Health Organization's 62nd World Health Assembly as an observer
3 member and the United States Government has a longstanding
4 policy of supporting this meaningful participation; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the efforts of Taiwan as an
7 economic partner and support Taiwan's meaningful participation
8 in the World Health Organization.