

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 820

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate is pleased to recognize the Republic of China on Taiwan for its outstanding contributions to world health and other areas of mutual interest to that nation and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Good health is essential to all citizens, and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public health; and

WHEREAS, The achievements of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the field of health are substantial; it has one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, and maternal and infant mortality rates are comparable to those of western countries; the country was also the first in Asia to eradicate polio and to provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, In response to the worldwide threat posed by severe acute respiratory syndrome, health officials in Taiwan have adopted all necessary measures mandated by the World Health Organization to cope with this disease; and

WHEREAS, In the field of business, Taiwan ranked as the third-largest export market for the State of Texas in 2002; and

WHEREAS, The people of the Republic of China on Taiwan and the people of the State of Texas share a mutual concern in protecting public health, and they enjoy a vital business partnership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the Republic of China on Taiwan for its exemplary commitment to world health and extend best wishes for its continued trade partnership with Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the people of Taiwan as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate