

A Senate resolution

reaffirming 40 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1979, the United States and the People's Republic of China officially established diplomatic relations, with 2019 marking the 40th anniversary of United States-China relations; and

WHEREAS, since the United States ship *Empress of China* sailed to China over 230 years ago, trade and exchanges between our two countries have continued to flourish, transforming the world in the process; and

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, exchanges and cooperation between the two countries have scored historic achievements, with visits made between the two countries each year increasing from several thousand 40 years ago to over 5.3 million in 2017 and bilateral trade and two-way investment between China and the United States increasing over 200 times in 2017 in accumulative terms; and

WHEREAS, not only our two countries, but the entire region and the world have benefited enormously from our ties, with China and the United States cooperating extensively at the bilateral, regional, and global level to advance the proper settlement of regional hot-spot issues, tackle the global financial crisis, and promote global growth; and

WHEREAS, the steady growth of United States-China relations is indispensable to the success of our two countries and the world; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has been dedicated to developing cooperative relations with China for decades, with over 4,400 Chinese students studying in Minnesota, and China is the second-largest trading partner and export market of Minnesota, with Chinese companies investing over \$2.8 billion in Minnesota since 2000 and supporting over 2,800 new jobs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it commemorates the 40-year anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China and supports continued diplomatic, economic, and people-to-people cooperation between the state of Minnesota and the People's Republic of China.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Consul General Zhao Jian.

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