

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Zhejiang Province
of the People's Republic of China.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Zhejiang Province of the People's Republic of China.

Whereas, Indiana and the Zhejiang Province of the People's Republic of China, who have had a Sister State/Province relationship since 1987, recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of their partnership;

Whereas, As a result of this partnership, many delegations from Zhejiang Province have visited Indiana, including one delegation led by Mr. WU Guohua, Vice President, Zhejiang Provincial Committee of the CPPCC, and Chairman, Zhejiang Provincial Committee of the China National Democratic Construction Association;

Whereas, In 1987, Indiana established one of the earliest state offices in Beijing, primarily to promote increased trade and investment between China and Indiana;

Whereas, China is one of Indiana's top ten export markets with close to \$600 million in exports in 2006;

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Whereas, Several Indiana businesses have offices in China, including Cummins, Inc. which began doing business in China in the 1970s and has had its regional office for Asia in Beijing since the 1990s;

Whereas, In addition, more than 40 Indiana-based companies are doing business in China, including Allison Transmission, Delta Faucet Company, Dow AgroSciences, Kimball International, Roche Diagnostics and Rolls Royce Corporation;

Whereas, Under the leadership of President Michael McRobbie and Vice President Patrick O'Meara, Indiana University has developed a relationship with two major Chinese universities as key strategic partners in Asia;

Whereas, Indiana University and Zhejiang University (ZJU) have a history of 25 years of formal relations; and, in November 2007, the two universities celebrated the 25th anniversary of their relationship with a symposium on higher education and issues of technology transfer;

Whereas, The Indiana University School of Law and the Zhejiang University Guanghua School of Law and the Kelley School of Business and the Zhejiang University School of Management recently signed a new exchange agreement;

Whereas, As home to Internet II, the academic internet network for North America, Indiana University established an important linkage with Tsinghua University; the North American network is linked to CERNET, providing a critical conduit for the flow of research information between China and the United States;

Whereas, Indiana University initiated the Research Center for Chinese Politics and Business to explore the relationships between business and politics and also conducts research in its School for Public and Environmental Affairs;



Whereas, Indiana University also has agreements with several universities and institutions in China, including Beijing Sport University, Chengdu Sport University, the China Scholarship Council, China University of Political Science and Law, Fudan University, Hohai University, Hunan University, Nankai University, Peking University, Tianjin Normal University, and Tongji University;

Whereas, The first Chinese student graduated from Purdue University almost a century ago;

Whereas, There are currently 778 students enrolled at Purdue University and 223 Chinese faculty are employed there, making China the single largest source of Purdue University's foreign-born faculty;

Whereas, Information Technology at Purdue (ITAP) is collaborating with the Tsing Hau University faculty and technologists on high performance computing, grid computing, and cyber infrastructure development and further collaborating with the Chinese Academy of Sciences;

Whereas, The Office of International Programs and the Krannert School of Management have a long standing relationship with Tsing Hau University in a variety of activities involving student and faculty relationships;

Whereas, Purdue University has developed lasting exchanges and close working relationships with several universities and institutes including Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Ningbo University and the Harbin Institute of Technology, Beijing Electric Power College, Beijing Institute of Tourism, Chang Chun Academy of Agricultural Science, China Agricultural University, Civil Aviation University of China, Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Nankai University, Peking University, Shandong Ag University, University of Science and Technology of China,



Zhejiang University, Northwest Agricultural and Forestry University, Communication University of China, Guang Zhou International Tourism Institute, South China University of Technology, Southern Yangtze University, and Dalin University;

Whereas, Indiana University Purdue University - Indianapolis and Sun Yat-sen University have created a partnership between the two universities' Schools of Medicine;

Whereas, The Indiana University Purdue University - Indianapolis School of Law and the Renmin University School of Law have developed a very productive relationship that has resulted in exchange and training activities, supported in part by a grant from the United States Department of State; and

Whereas, There are three Chinese government supported Confucius Centers in Indiana, at Indiana University (Indianapolis and Bloomington campuses), Purdue University, and Valparaiso University, with each center providing important outreach for the teaching of Chinese language and culture to the business and academic communities: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate hereby pledges its support to
2 further cooperation between the American and Chinese people in the
3 fields of education, industry and business. This cooperation will help
4 increase opportunities for all so that the people of both societies may
5 share peace and prosperity throughout the millennium.

