

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10**

Whereas since 2007, the Honorable Gao Zhansheng has served as Consul General to the United States at the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco; and

Whereas Consul General Gao was born in Beijing in 1952; and

Whereas Consul General Gao began his diplomatic career at the embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Kingdom of the Netherlands in 1977; and

Whereas throughout his career Consul General Gao performed many important functions in the People's Republic of China Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including serving as Deputy Division Chief in the Department of West European Affairs, Deputy Director General in the Department of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Affairs and Director General in the Department of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Affairs; and

Whereas Consul General Gao facilitated high-level meetings in China for three Oregon Governors' trade missions and five Oregon legislative trade missions and traveled to Oregon more than 40 times during his tenure; and

Whereas Consul General Gao promoted opportunities for Oregon students to study Mandarin Chinese and Chinese culture through the Confucius Classroom program; and

Whereas Consul General Gao facilitated the visit to Oregon by State Councilor Liu Yandong, the most senior government official from China ever to visit Oregon; and

Whereas Consul General Gao encouraged Oregon exports to China and investment in Oregon businesses by Chinese companies; and

Whereas Consul General Gao has supported Oregon's sustainable development and eco-branding initiatives by facilitating training at the China-U.S. Center for Sustainable Development and participation in the Pingtan Island Eco-Community Forum; and

Whereas Consul General Gao has promoted a sister city-state relationship between Oregon and the city of Tianjin; and

Whereas Consul General Gao will soon be concluding his service at the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, honor Consul General Gao Zhansheng for his remarkable service in deepening the person-to-person exchanges between Oregon and the People's Republic of China and helping to promote an increase in the positive exchange of information, business, education, culture and financial intercourse.

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