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House Resolution 3

Sponsored by Representative CANNON; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BONAMICI, BRUUN, BUCKLEY, CLEM, D EDWARDS, ESQUIVEL, GIROD, HOLVEY, HUNT, KRUMMEL, OLSON, RICHARDSON, ROBLAN, ROSENBAUM, WHISNANT, WITT (at the request of Dave Porter)

Whereas China is the number one exporter of goods to the United States; and

Whereas according to economists, China will become the world's wealthiest nation by the year 2012; and

Whereas 24 percent of the world's population speaks Chinese; and

Whereas Oregon universities, community colleges and secondary schools, in recognition of the increasing importance of China to the United States, should encourage Oregon students to learn Mandarin Chinese, the official state language of China, and explore ways to expand language courses to include Mandarin Chinese; and

Whereas knowledge of foreign cultures is invaluable, Oregon students should be encouraged to explore opportunities to study in China; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly urge Oregon universities, community colleges and secondary schools to encourage Oregon students to learn Mandarin Chinese and to explore opportunities to study in China.

Adopted by House March 21, 2007

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House