

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Honors Consul General Gao Zhansheng for promoting and assisting person-to-person exchanges between Oregon and People’s Republic of China.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Consul General Gao’s relationship with people and businesses in Oregon
- Economic impact of relationship
- Consul General Gao’s impact on Chinese language educational opportunities in Oregon
- Impact on access of Oregon businesses to economic markets in China
- Cross promotion for tourism and business between Oregon and China
- Mandatory retirement of Consul General Gao
- Consul General Gao’s impact on Port of Portland
- Sister city-state relationship between Tianjin, China and Oregon

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** House Concurrent Resolution 10 honors the service of Gao Zhansheng as Consul General to the United States at the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco. Consul General Gao will be concluding his service as the Consul General later this year after a six-year tenure.

During his service at the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco, Consul General Gao has worked tirelessly to build a strong relationship between Oregon and the People's Republic of China in order to promote an increase in the exchange of information, commerce, education, culture and financial dialogue between the countries. Consul General Gao has facilitated high-level meetings in China for three Oregon Governors’ trade missions and five Oregon legislative trade missions, promoted opportunities for Oregon students to study Mandarin Chinese through the Confucius Classroom program, and 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.