

House Concurrent Resolution 34

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, BARKER, Senator ROBLAN, Representative CLEM

SUMMARY

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Expresses support for continued coordination and collaboration between Oregon and China.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas over the past two decades, Oregon's business ties and relationships with China have
3 increased considerably; and

4 Whereas since the Great Recession, China has been Oregon's top destination for exports of
5 merchandise goods (or physical products), and the total value of these exports has exceeded \$6
6 billion in recent years; and

7 Whereas Oregon's exports to China have supported more than 31,200 American jobs since 2016;
8 and

9 Whereas Oregon's agricultural exports to China amounted to more than \$235 million in 2017,
10 which means a great deal to Oregon farmers; and

11 Whereas more students from China attend higher education institutions in Oregon than students
12 from any other country; and

13 Whereas China is Oregon's foremost source of international visitors, with more than 60,000
14 Chinese citizens visiting Oregon annually, providing a tremendous boost to Oregon's tourism indus-
15 try; and

16 Whereas in 2019, we celebrate the 35th anniversary of friendly relations between Oregon and
17 Fujian Province and the fifth anniversary of friendly relations between Oregon and Tianjin Municipality; and

19 Whereas in 2019, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of formal diplomatic relations between the
20 United States and China, and we respect the Three Communiqués that continue to play a crucial
21 role in the ongoing dialogue between the two nations; and

22 Whereas the Oregon China Council (formerly the Oregon-China Sister State Relations Council)
23 continues to work with the Oregon-China Sister State Committee to further enhance people-to-people
24 exchanges, trade, education, culture, environmental initiatives, sporting events and investment op-
25 portunities between Oregon and China; and

26 Whereas the cultures of Oregon and China share a genuine and irrepressible friendliness,
27 entrepreneurial spirit, decency, politeness, optimism, warmth and earnestness that are the founda-
28 tion for a bright future between our people; now, therefore,

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

29 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, actively support continued coord-
30 ination and collaboration between Oregon and China to increase mutual understanding and
31 strengthen a mutual economic development relationship; and be it further
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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1 Resolved, That we believe that sustaining the bonds that join our people across borders is of the
2 utmost importance to the State of Oregon, the United States and China.
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