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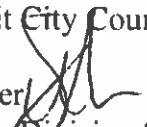
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TO: Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David D. Whitaker 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: September 6, 2019

RE: Resolution affirming support for the 40th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China and to mark September 13, 2019 as Detroit China Day in the city of Detroit.

On September 5, 2019, the Honorable Council Member Scott Benson requested that the Legislative Policy Division draft a resolution affirming support for the 40th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China and to mark September 13th, 2019 as Detroit China Day in the city of Detroit.

The draft resolution is attached for your review.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BENSON

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

WHEREAS, The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1979, the United States and People's Republic of China (referred to as "China") officially established diplomatic relations, with 2019 marking the 40th anniversary of United States-China relations; and

WHEREAS, Since US ship "Empress of China" sailed to China over 230 years ago, trade and exchanges between the US and China have continued to flourish, transforming the world in the process; and

WHEREAS, Over the past four decades, exchanges and cooperation between the two countries have scored historic achievements. Forty years ago there only several thousand visits made between the two countries each year. In 2017, over 5.3 million visits were made between the two countries. Forty years ago, the bilateral trade volume was less than \$2.5 billion. In 2018, it surpassed \$659 billion. Forty years ago, the two-way investment between China and the US was almost zero. Today, two-way investment in various forms amounted to over \$230 billion in accumulative terms; and

WHEREAS, Not only our two countries, but the entire world has benefited enormously from our ties over the past forty years. From advancing the proper settlement of regional hot-spot issues, to fighting international terrorism, tackling the global financial crisis, and promoting global growth, China and the US have conducted extensive cooperation at bilateral, regional and global levels; and

WHEREAS, The steady growth of China-US relations is indispensable to the success of our two countries and the world, and it would be irresponsible and detrimental for us to "decouple" or become isolated from each other; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has a significant and historical role in the opening of relations between the US and China. Our state has been dedicated to developing cooperative relations with China for decades, and the mutual exchanges and cooperation have flourished in recent years. Michigan has a newly established sister state-province relationship with Guangdong Province. The state has attracted over 300 Chinese companies that represent more than \$4 billion in investment and support more than 10,000 jobs for local communities; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is ranked 15th in the US, as the home to more than 60,000 residents of Chinese heritage who have contributed greatly to the strength of our country and our state; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council commemorates the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and People's Republic of China and hereto declare September 13th, 2019, as Detroit China Day in the city of Detroit.



MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, LPD
FROM: Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
Stephanie Washington, Mayor's Liaison

VIA: Council President Brenda Jones

DATE: 5 Sep 2019

RE: **40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA**

My office is requesting LPD prepare a resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and People's Republic of China. I have attached suggested language for the resolution.

Please provide the resolution by COB 6 Sep 2019. Do not hesitate to reach out to my office, at 313-224-1198, with any questions.

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David Whitaker

From: Scott Benson
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2019 2:49 PM
To: David Whitaker
Cc: Louise Jones; Stephanie Washington; Jasmine Barnes; Kerwin Wimberley; Emberly Vick; Sabrina Shockley
Subject: 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and People's Republic of China
Attachments: Detroit City Council Chinese Resolution Draft.pdf; Chinese America resolution memo.pdf

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