

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.188

Rep. Cynthia Johnson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 40th anniversary of diplomatic
2 relations between the United States and People's Republic of China
3 and to declare October 1, 2019, as China Day and October 1-7, 2019,
4 as Chinese Heritage Week in the state of Michigan.

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

9 Whereas, Since US ship "Empress of China" sailed to China over
10 230 years ago, trade and exchanges between our two countries have
11 continued to flourish, transforming the world in the process; and

12 Whereas, Over the past four decades, exchanges and cooperation



1 between the two countries have scored historic achievements. Forty
2 years ago, only several thousand visits were made between the two
3 countries each year. In 2017, over 5.3 million visits were made
4 between the two countries. Forty years ago, the bilateral trade
5 volume was less than \$2.5 billion. In 2018, it surpassed \$659
6 billion. Forty years ago, the two-way investment between China and
7 the US was almost zero. Today, two-way investment in various forms
8 amounted to over \$230 billion in accumulative terms; and

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

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

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

29 Whereas, Chinese-Americans helped completed the

1 Transcontinental Railroad and 1 in 5 Chinese Americans enlisted to
2 serve in World War II; and

3 Whereas, Michigan is ranked 15th in the US as home to more
4 than 60,000 residents of Chinese heritage who have contributed
5 greatly to the strength of our country and state; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body commemorate the 40th anniversary of
9 diplomatic relations between the United States and People's
10 Republic of China and declare October 1, 2019, as China Day and
11 October 1-7 as Chinese Heritage Week in the state of Michigan. We
12 recognize the significant contribution of Chinese Americans to the
13 strength of the great state of Michigan and support continued
14 diplomatic, economic, and people-to-people cooperation between
15 state of Michigan and China.