

SENATE RESOLUTION
8609

By Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Honeyford, Roach, Swecker, Schmidt, Benson, Johnson, Franklin, Fraser and Eide

WHEREAS, Jack K. C. Chiang served ably as Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle from 2001 through 2004; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chiang has spent over 20 years working to better the relationship between Taiwan and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chiang's commitment to the friendship between Taiwan and the United States saw him serve a full eight years in our nation and away from his family; and

WHEREAS, His previous service in the United States saw him as Director of the Service Division of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C., the Deputy Director of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, and the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Houston; and

WHEREAS, In Seattle, as well as his other postings in the United States, Director General Chiang was embraced by the Chinese American Community, and showed tremendous dedication to the same; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chiang's immense knowledge of his nation and the United States led to increased trade and cultural relations between Washington and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington owes a tremendous debt to Director General Chiang for the outstanding work he accomplished during his tenure in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chiang has returned to Taipei to work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and serve Taiwan at home after many years abroad; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chiang went above and beyond the duties of his position and indefatigably worked to maintain and expand the crucial economic and cultural relations between Taiwan and Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington honor Director General Jack K. C. Chiang for his service to Taiwan and Washington, his diplomatic nature, extreme kindness, and understanding of the crucial relationship between our peoples; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate also recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions Chinese-Americans have made to our state that have enriched communities throughout Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Director General Chiang and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8609,
adopted by the Senate
February 9, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate