

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Rivers, Litzow, Hewitt, Darneille, Braun, Bailey, Baumgartner, Tom, Ericksen, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Eide, Harper, Hargrove, Brown, King, Parlette, Schlicher, Ranker, Fraser, Cleveland, McAuliffe, Mullet, Hill, Fain, Holmquist Newbry, Hasegawa, Schoesler, Dammeier, Murray, Frockt, Becker, Nelson, Conway, Hobbs, Hatfield, Billig, Kline, Rolfes, and Chase

WHEREAS, Consul General Gao Zhansheng, of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco, is retiring; and

WHEREAS, The Consul General dedicated years of service to the People's Republic of China in San Francisco after being born in Beijing in July 1952 and graduating from a university; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Gao had a distinguished career with the People's Republic of China beginning in 1977 that brought a mutual understanding between the American and Chinese people and deepened the bond between the two great countries; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington has an excellent relationship with the People's Republic of China, and the two are valuable trade partners; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Gao Zhansheng has made the decision to retire. He will leave behind the results of notable partnership efforts between American and Chinese people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members and staff of the Washington State Senate offer their best wishes for a fulfilling retirement to Consul General Gao Zhansheng;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Consul General Gao Zhansheng.