

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas mutual cultural understanding and appreciation helps to advance the overall bilateral relationship between the United States and China;

Whereas Chinese cultural achievements have enriched the world for over 5,000 years;

Whereas Chinese artists both in China and in the United States have excelled in music, dance, fashion, theater, film, and the visual arts;

Whereas the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is hosting a month-long celebration of Chinese cultural contributions at the Festival of China in October 2005;

Whereas the event, with more than 50 performances and exhibitions and over 800 artists, will be the largest festival in the history of the Kennedy Center;

Whereas the Kennedy Center characterizes the Festival of China as “the largest celebration of Chinese performing arts in American history”;

Whereas events like the Festival of China, along with efforts to promote educational and scientific cooperation between the United States and China, further mutual understanding between our two societies;

Whereas publicly- and privately-funded exchange programs and other forms of Sino-American contacts foster positive relations; and

Whereas cultural events like the Festival of China help strengthen diplomatic, commercial, and political cooperation between the United States and China: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the diverse array of cultural contributions
4 made by Chinese artists based in China, the United
5 States, and around the world benefit the entire
6 international community;

7 (2) the Kennedy Center, along with the Chinese
8 Ministry of Culture, should be commended for pro-
9 moting Chinese achievement in the arts at the Fes-
10 tival of China;

11 (3) the significant undertaking and efforts nec-
12 essary to organize the Festival of China provides a
13 unique opportunity for bilateral cooperation;

14 (4) building upon the Festival of China, additional
15 efforts that promote cultural understanding between
16 the United States and China should be encouraged;

17 (5) the United States and China should work to
18 promote cultural, as well as scientific and edu-
19 cational, cooperation between the two countries;

1 (6) the United States and China should continue
2 to promote exchange programs, such as the Festival
3 of China, as a vital tool for advancing mutual under-
4 standing and cooperation between the people of the
5 United States and the people of China; and

6 (7) the hundreds of performers and individuals
7 who have contributed their time and effort to make
8 this landmark celebration of Chinese culture and the
9 arts a success are to be congratulated.

Passed the Senate November 1, 2005.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Expressing appreciation for the contribution of Chinese art and culture and recognizing the Festival of China at the Kennedy Center.