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Commending Captain Wei Jiafu and the China Ocean Shipping Company
for increasing business relations between the United States and China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commending Captain Wei Jiafu and the China Ocean Shipping Company for increasing business relations between the United States and China.

Whereas, as a young sea captain, the United States Coast Guard gave Captain Wei Jiafu special recognition for knowledge and skill in navigating in the waters of the United States;

Whereas, as Chairman of COSCO, Captain Wei oversees the largest China-based employer of United States workers;

Whereas, under the leadership of Captain Wei, the China Ocean Shipping Company (referred to in this preamble as “COSCO”) was the first foreign shipping company to comply with the regulations of the Department of Homeland Security governing ocean shipping containers;

Whereas, under the leadership of Captain Wei, the port authorities in cities including Long Beach, Seattle, New York, and New Orleans have recognized COSCO;

Whereas the most notable accomplishment of Captain Wei and COSCO was establishing service between the Port of Boston and ports in China, which saved the jobs of thousands of port workers in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Captain Wei, COSCO has donated a Chair to Harvard University, financially supported cleaner oceans and the protection of sea life in Alaska, and mobilized employees to volunteer time and resources to assist victims of disasters in China and other countries in Asia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends Captain Wei Jiafu and the China
3 Ocean Shipping Company (referred to in this resolution as “COSCO”) for staying committed to professionalism and promoting citizen participation that
4 increases understanding and cooperation between
5 the people of the United States and China;

6 (2) recognizes the efforts of Captain Wei to improve business relations between the United States
7 and China; and

8 (3) recognizes the charitable contributions of
9 COSCO and the efforts of the company to support
10 higher education in the United States and around
11 the world.
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