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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On January 1, 1979, the United States and the
3 People's Republic of China (China) officially established
4 diplomatic relations; 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of United
5 States-China relations; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the U.S. ship Empress of China sailed to
7 China over 230 years ago, trade and exchanges between our two
8 countries have continued to flourish, transforming the world in
9 the process; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past four decades, exchanges and
11 cooperation between the two countries have scored historic
12 achievements; 40 years ago, only several thousand visits were
13 made between the two countries each year; in 2017, over 5.3
14 million visits were made between the two sides; 40 years ago,
15 the bilateral trade volume was less than \$2.5 billion; in 2017,
16 it surpassed \$580 billion; 40 years ago, the two-way investment
17 between China and the U.S. was almost zero; in 2017, two-way
18 investment in various forms amounted to over \$230 billion in
19 accumulative terms; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the past 40 years, the entire world has
21 benefited enormously from the ties between the U.S. and China,
22 from advancing the proper settlement of regional hot-spot

1 issues to fighting international terrorism and from tackling
2 the global financial crisis to promoting global growth; China
3 and the U.S. have conducted extensive cooperation at bilateral,
4 regional, and global levels; and

5 WHEREAS, The steady growth of China-U.S. relations is
6 indispensable to the success of our two countries and the
7 world, and it would be irresponsible and detrimental for us to
8 "decouple" or become isolated from each other; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has been dedicated to
10 developing cooperative relations with China for decades, and
11 China stays as the second-largest trading partner and
12 third-largest export market for Illinois; Chinese companies
13 have invested over \$4.2 billion in Illinois since 2000 and
14 supported over 5,100 jobs; over 18,000 Chinese students pursue
15 their studies at Illinois universities; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commemorate the 40-year anniversary of the establishment of
19 diplomatic relations between the United States and China and
20 support continued diplomatic, economic, and people-to-people
21 cooperation between the State of Illinois and China.