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Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the rule of law program of Temple
University Beasley School of Law.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the rule of law program
of Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Whereas in 1997, President William J. Clinton and President
Jiang Zemin agreed at the Sino-American Summit to col-
laborative efforts to enhance legal exchanges between the
United States and China;

Whereas in 1999, Temple University established a Master of
Laws degree program in Beijing, the first foreign law de-
gree granting program approved by the Chinese Ministry
of Education, as a collaborative effort, first with China
University of Political Science and Law, and subse-
quently with Tsinghua University School of Law;

Whereas in 1999, Temple University signed a cooperative
agreement with the State Administration of Foreign Ex-

pert Affairs of China to deliver rule of law educational programs to Chinese government officials;

Whereas in 2000, Temple University signed a cooperative agreement with the Supreme People's Court of China to conduct judicial training;

Whereas in 2001, Temple University signed a cooperative agreement with the Supreme People's Procuratorate of China to conduct prosecutor training;

Where in 2002, Temple University began a series of scholarly roundtables directed at Chinese law and legal education, with topics including World Trade Organization, Internet, environmental, health, and private international law as well as nongovernmental organization advocacy and experiential legal education;

Whereas Justice Antonin G. Scalia visited Beijing and the Temple University rule of law program as part of a broad legal exchange between the United States and China;

Whereas in 2003, former Temple University School of Law dean Robert Reinstein received the National Friendship Award from Zhu Rongji, former Prime Minister of China in the Great Hall of the People;

Whereas in 2009, Temple University, Tsinghua University, and the State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs of China will host events in Beijing to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the rule of law program;

Whereas as of 2009, Temple has educated a total of 903 legal professionals in the rule of law program in China, 78 percent of whom work in the public sector; and

Whereas 391 Chinese legal professionals, including judges, National People's Congress and State Council legislative officers, prosecutors, government officials, law professors,

and commercial lawyers have graduated from, or are currently enrolled in, Temple's Beijing Master of Laws program: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends and congratulates Temple Uni-
 3 versity Beasley School of Law, its faculty, its alum-
 4 ni, its 10th graduating class, and all involved in the
 5 10th anniversary of the China rule of law program;
 6 and

7 (2) recognizes that—

8 (A) the Temple University Beasley School
 9 of Law rule of law program has succeeded in
 10 furthering the goal of promoting collaborative
 11 legal exchanges between the United States and
 12 China; and

13 (B) Temple University and its partners in
 14 China represent the spirit of cooperation and
 15 friendship between these 2 great nations, and
 16 will surely continue to strengthen those bonds
 17 into the future.

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