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# Resolution

## of the City Council Recognizing Ruby Fong A Founding Member of the Jinan Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation

**W**HEREAS, Ruby Fong came to Sacramento in 1957, established a family and as an avocation pursued, with passion, the preservation of Chinese culture in the community and the promotion of the Chinese heritage in Sacramento; and

**W**HEREAS, Ruby Fong realized the importance of creating an understanding between the United States and China, she became an active member of the US - China Peoples Friendship Association in 1978 and established tremendous respect and binding relationships on the mainland of the People's Republic of China; and

**W**HEREAS, Ruby Fong researched possible cities in China that could potentially be identified as a Sister City to Sacramento and then traveled to China in 1984 and brought back a recommendation for a Sister City in the People's Republic of China; and

**W**HEREAS, that recommendation, Jinan, the Capitol of Shandong Province, with both an agricultural and government based economy and a well known educational center on a river became the official Sister City of Sacramento and Ruby Fong became a Charter Board Member of the Jinan Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation in 1985; and

**W**HEREAS, Ruby Fong devoted countless hours to the success of that organization through arranging tours to China, raising major portions of the budget through her efforts and having orchestrated a 90 member entourage of the Sacramento Youth Symphony to travel to China and to perform in Jinan and other cities in 1987; and

**W**HEREAS, Ruby Fong has unselfishly opened her home to the children from Jinan participating in the May 1997 Children's Palace Project.

**N**OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Sacramento that we do hereby commend Ruby Fong for the countless hours donated to this cause and for her overall commitment to creating goodwill, friendship and understanding between the peoples of Sacramento and her Sister City, Jinan, People's Republic of China.

ISSUED: This 13th Day of May, 1997

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