## **RESOLUTION NO. 3218**

## A RESOLUTION

of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle Recognizing China Ocean Shipping Company's 35th Anniversary in the Steamship Service Industry, and Expressing Gratitude for Their Contribution and Support of the Port's Efforts to Facilitate Trade Between Seattle and the Peoples' Republic of China.

WHEREAS, the China Ocean Shipping Company has, for many years, been a valued customer recognized for its quality service and viewed as a significant part of the movement to expand trade between the United States and the Peoples' Republic of China;

WHEREAS, trade is recognized as a peaceful and positive force in establishing

relationships between countries and cultures;

WHEREAS, the China Ocean Shipping Company and the Port of Seattle have enjoyed a

longstanding partnership rooted in friendship and cooperation in support of the mutual prosperity and

growth of our respective regions;

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle and Peoples' Republic of China have fostered a

relationship beginning with the first merchant vessel, the "LIU LIN HAI," from China in 1979;

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is dedicated to providing the best facilities and services to

the China Ocean Shipping Company, in addition to serving as an advocate on its behalf;

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle values the mutually beneficial relationship that has existed since the beginning among our respective elected officials, port executive directors, and port staff;

WHEREAS, the China Ocean Shipping Company was instrumental in the opening of Port of Seattle's Beijing office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission expresses its sincere

congratulations to the China Ocean Shipping Company on the occasion of its 35th anniversary celebration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commissioner expresses its hopes that the strength of our partnership will continue to grow and further the interests of trade between the Peoples' Republic of China and the people of the Washington State.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle this 23rd day of April, 1996, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.

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April 18, 1996

Jack Block, President Port of Seattle Commission P.O. Box 1209 Seattle, Washington 98111

Dear Commissioner Block:

I will be unable to attend the Port Commission regular meeting of April 23, 1996. However, I am familiar with Resolution No. 3218, recognizing China Ocean Shipping Company's 35th anniversary in the steamship service industry and expressing gratitude for their contribution and support of the Port's efforts to facilitate trade between Seattle and the Peoples' Republic of China.

I consent to Resolution No. 3218 being introduced for first reading and placed on second reading and final passage at the April 23, 1996 Commission regular meeting.

Please enter this consent in the official minutes of the meeting.

Sincerely, 4 æ. C Gary Grant

Commissioner

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