

**North Carolina Resolution declaring the intention of developing an educational relationship
with Jiangsu Province, China**

WHEREAS, efforts to build partnerships between high schools in North Carolina and in China are underway through the North Carolina in the World initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Jiangsu has expressed a desire to develop a long term, educationally productive relationship with our state, potentially to include exchanges of policy leaders, educators and students; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Education supports efforts to further strengthen the state's position in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Education aims to prepare North Carolina students for leadership in the state, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Education understands the importance of maximizing opportunities to bring global perspectives to our schools and to expose North Carolina students to the world in which they will live and work through educational partnerships and studies abroad; and

WHEREAS, efforts to build partnerships between high schools in North Carolina and in China are underway through the North Carolina in the World initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Jiangsu has expressed a desire to develop a long term, educationally productive relationship with our state, potentially to include exchanges of policy leaders, educators and students; and

WHEREAS, we value the benefits and strong relationships that such partnerships can provide;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, HOWARD N. LEE, CHAIR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND JUNE ST. CLAIR ATKINSON, NORTH CAROLINA STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, on behalf of the North Carolina State Board of Education do hereby, on February 2, 2006, declare our intention to establish a mutual relationship for educational purposes with Jiangsu Province, China, for the purpose of furthering educational opportunities for our citizens and theirs; and do acknowledge that such a relationship will include occasional opportunities to host and provide information to visitors from the government and schools of that province.

Howard N. Lee

June St. Clair Atkinson