



## Legislation Text

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SUBSTITUTE 1

### THE CHAIR

Resolution accepting a gift of stone lions from Ningbo, China and accepting contribution of services of Licensed Customs Broker M.E.Dey & Co., Inc., in connection with their delivery.

This resolution authorizes the City of Milwaukee to accept the donation of two stone lions from Ningbo, China. This resolution also authorizes the City to accept the contribution of the services of Licensed Customs Broker M.E.Dey & Co., Inc., to facilitate the receipt of the lions.

Whereas, Section 304-24 of the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances regulates the receipt, appropriation, and expenditure of contributions received by the City; and

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee resolved to support the efforts of Mayor Barrett to establish friendly exchanges between Milwaukee and Ningbo, China, well-known for its ancient port; and

Whereas, The Mayor traveled to Ningbo, China in 2005 to establish friendly relations between Ningbo and Milwaukee to advance mutually-beneficial exchanges involving business, educational institutions, sports and culture; and

Whereas, The City of Ningbo has donated to the City of Milwaukee a gift of two stone lions; and

Whereas, Stone lions are traditionally used to guard a building and those within; and

Whereas, Wu Hemin, Vice Mayor of Ningbo, will lead a delegation to Milwaukee arriving on July 20, 2008 and will formally present the gift to the people of Milwaukee on July 21, 2008; and

Whereas, The lions will be a lasting and powerful symbol of the friendly relationship between the two cities; and

Whereas, The lions will be shipped from China to Milwaukee and installed at the front entrance of the Zeidler Municipal Building; and

Whereas, Licensed Customs Broker M.E.Dey & Co., Inc., has agreed to contribute its services to assist the City with customs issues, including the filing of necessary documentation and the obtaining of a bond to cover any potential duties, taxes, and charges that may accrue; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City gratefully accepts the generous donation of two stone lions from the City of Ningbo; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City accepts with appreciation the contribution of services made by M.E.Dey Co., Inc., in connection with the shipment of the lions.

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