

1 [Urging Resolution.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation,**  
4 **Norm Mineta, to award a new non-stop flight route between San Francisco International**  
5 **Airport and Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport to United Airlines.**

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7 WHEREAS, There are currently over half a million Chinese Americans living in the Bay  
8 Area, many of whom reside in various neighborhoods in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, It is estimated that more than 60% of the Chinese Americans in the Bay  
10 Area have ties to the Guangzhou region of Southern China; and,

11 WHEREAS, Currently, United Airlines only operates flight services from San Francisco  
12 to Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong; and,

13 WHEREAS, Early estimates indicate that a direct route from the San Francisco Bay  
14 Area to Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport would easily operate at or above capacity;  
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16 WHEREAS, United Airlines is a major employer at San Francisco International Airport,  
17 providing more than 1,000 jobs for Bay Area residents; and,

18 WHEREAS, Currently, a petition is pending before the Secretary of the Department of  
19 Transportation, Norm Mineta, for the establishment of a direct route between San Francisco  
20 International Airport and Guangzhou International Airport to be operated by United Airlines;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
23 hereby urges Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta to approve the United Airlines bid to  
24 operate a direct route between San Francisco International Airport and Guangzhou Baiyun  
25 International Airport.