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ASSEMBLYMEMBER ENG, CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS CALL FOR DAY OF INCLUSION

EL MONTE, Calif. – Today, Assemblymember Mike Eng (D-Monterey Park) and numerous civil rights organizations convened a press conference to announce the designation of December 17th as “Day of Inclusion” by means of Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 76, which is sponsored by the Yee Fow Museum.

The day, December 17, was chosen as a way to memorialize the historic Magnuson Act, signed into law on December 17, 1943, which repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and marked a turning point regarding society’s harsh attitudes towards immigration and immigrants. By repealing the “Chinese Exclusion” prohibitions, the United States expressed its commitment to continue to break down cultural barriers, appreciate differences, enrich cultural diversity, and further racial, religious and cultural tolerance

“In recognition of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month and in commendation of all immigrants for their notable accomplishments and outstanding service to our state, I am honored to introduce ACR 76,” Assemblymember Eng stated. “ACR 76 serves as a time to acknowledge this history and to honor how all immigrants continue to contribute to all segments of our society.”

The press conference featured speakers from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Japanese American Citizens League, Korean American Federation of Los Angeles, Muslim Public Affairs Council, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Organization of Chinese Americans, and Yee Fow Museum.

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