

CAS supports the initiative of the "Dec. 17: Day of Inclusion"

CAS has decided to support the initiative of the "December 17 Day of Inclusion" proposed by Mike Eng, the California State Assembly Member in the state legislation ARC 76. On December 17 1943, the Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed by the Magnuson Act.

For more details about this initiative go to www.dec17.org. A letter was sent to Mike Eng on Dec. 29 to show the support and the letter is shown below:

Mr. Mike Eng C/O Annie V. Lam, Legislative Director Office of Assembly Member Mike Eng, 49th A.D. State Capitol, Room 4140 Sacramento, CA 95814 RE: Support for ACR 76- December 17 as Day of Inclusion

Dear Assembly Member Mike Eng:

On behalf of Chinese American Society, I am writing in support of ACR 76, which establishes December 17th as a Day of Inclusion.

Chinese American Society is an organization with mission to inspire Chinese Americans' social and political participation and contribution. We support a grass-root campaign for a congressional resolution of apology to Chinese Americans for the Chinese Exclusion Act, a historical legislation passed by the U.S. Congress in 1882, and the violations experienced by Chinese immigrants caused by the adoption of the legislation.

We are pleased to support ACR 76. We believe that this initiative would recognize the contributions of new immigrates and enhance harmony among all ethnic groups. It will also acknowledge our immigrant heritage in California, and serve to shed light on the ignorance that leads to acts of hate and violence.

Sincerely, Jielin Dong President Chinese American Society jielindong@ca-soc.org