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## Social Notes: OCA Host “Day of Inclusion” Gala

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Assemblyman Mike Eng (D-Monterey Park) introduced 12 members of the California State Legislature, officers of the Yee Fow Museum and Sacramento’s influential Organization of Chinese Americans at a gala reception held at the California State Capitol, on Aug 25.

The event was to designate a “Day of Inclusion and memorialize Dec. 17, 1943 the day of the repeal of the “Chinese Exclusion Act” of 1882.”

By repealing the “Chinese Exclusion Act,” the Magnuson Act of 1943 expressed the United States’ commitment to break down cultural barriers, appreciate differences, and thereby enrich cultural and ethnic diversity. Congratulations to all those who made this possible.

The Capital reception paid tribute to the Chinese in California history with speakers: Assemblyman Mike Eng; co-author of ACR 76 Yee Fow Museum’s Steve Yee, and members of the California Legislature: Sen. Mark Leno, Carol Liu, Curren Price and Assembly members Dave Jones, Warren Furutani, Diane Harkey, Alyson Huber, Fiona Ma, Bill Monning, Tom Torlakson, Mariko Yamada and Paul Fong, author of ACR 42, California’s Landmark apology to Chinese Americans.

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