State Official Calls on Assembly to Honor Chinese Exclusion Repeal with Day of Inclusion

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On May 29, California State Assemblyman Mike Eng and civil rights organizations called for California to support ACR76. The resolution proclaims December 17 as the Day of Inclusion to commemorate the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

According to the United States Sing Tao Daily, the Assemblyman produced many anti-Chinese pictures and articles, including a newspaper article titled "No More Chinese" to explain the social environment that led people to feel terror towards the Chinese. However, he said, in December 17, 1943 Congress abolished the the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 which marked a major turning point towards the harsh attitude facing Chinese immigrants.

He said that the commemoration of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act commitment to the lifting of cultural barriers, appreciation of ethnic and cultural differences, and is conducive to building a pluralistic society, the promotion of racial, religious and cultural tolerance.

From Sacramento, Deng Shi Rong, (Steve Yee) pointed out that the California State Constitution was amended in 1879 delegated "all necessary power" to towns and cities "for the removal of Chinese." The state constitution declared that the Chinese people were "dangerous to the well-being of the State." Under this policy Congress passed in the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association President Wu Jing Qun, Jeri Okamoto Floyd, Organization of Chinese American - Greater Los Angeles, Kenshin Kubo, Japanese American Citizens League, Korean American Federation of Los Angeles, Mary Lee, as well as the Muslim Public Affairs Council, Hate Crime Prevention Coordinator, Saadia Khan, who also unanimously called for the state legislature to support ACR 76.