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MAKING DEMANDS — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference joined the Muslim Public Affairs Council and several Asian organizations at a press conference Friday to recognize the designation of Dec. 17 as “Day of Inclusion,” which was created as such by the recent passage of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 76 authored by Assemblyman **Mike Eng**. The new “Day of Inclusion” is to be an expression of California residents’ commitment to break down cultural barriers, appreciate differences, enrich cultural diversity and further racial, religious and cultural tolerance. A history lesson: On Dec. 17, 1943, the Magnuson Act repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which marked a turning point regarding American society’s harsh treatment and attitudes toward immigration and immigrants.