



DAY OF INCLUSION LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY LEGISLATURE

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Assembly Concurrent Resolution 76, authored by Assemblymember Mike Eng (D – Monterey Park), passed off the Senate Floor last night by a vote of 40-0. ACR 76, which is sponsored by the Yee Fow Museum, specifically designates December 17th annually as “Day of Inclusion” in the State of California.

“Although the repeal of the “Chinese Exclusion Act” marks a significant turning point in American society, some minorities still struggle for fairness and equality,” Assemblymember Eng said. “The recognition of the “Magnuson Act” represents a timely and excellent opportunity for our nation to rededicate itself to the suppression of intolerance and discrimination against immigrants and minority groups.”

The date, 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17, was chosen as a way to memorialize the historic “Magnuson Act,” signed into law on December 17, 1943, which repealed the “Chinese Exclusion Act” of 1882 and marked a turning point regarding society’s harsh attitudes towards immigration and immigrants.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.