State Official Calls on Assembly to Set Up Day Chinese Exclusion was Repealed as Day of Inclusion

HONG KONG, May 31 - Xinhua/Wu - According to the United States Sing Tao Daily, Congressman Mike Eng and civil rights organizations called on the California State Assembly to passed ACR76, designating December 17 as a Day of Inclusion, commemorating the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The bill calls on the promotion of social harmony and pluralism. Congressman Eng 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 Shihong (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 the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

Chinese American Citizen Alliance (Munson Kwok) pointed out that from November 1942 to June 1943, Ms. Jiang Jieshi Shek visited the United States to lecture and received a warm welcome a few weeks later and Congress repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act.

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.