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## Reception celebrating the passage of Senate Resolution Expressing Regret for the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, with Rep. Judy Chu and Sen. Scott Brown



### Public Advocacy

- Led national effort for Congressional Resolutions to condemn 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act and to reaffirm Congress's responsibility to protect civil rights of all Americans.
- Supported passage of \$15 million to restore Angel Island Immigration Station.
- Lobbied for appointments of Asian American federal judges.
- Denounced racial remarks and stereotypes in public media and advertisements.
- Promoted immigrant literacy programs.
- Supported preservation of historical sites and landmarks.
- Lobbied for additional federal funding of Asian American education programs and historical site preservations.
- Obtained Congressional recognition of Chinese American veterans in the Civil War.
- Supported naming San Gabriel Post Office in memory of Mayor Chi Mui.
- Underwrote lesson plan development about Chinese and Asian American history and issues.
- Approached local and state governments to ensure Asian American topics are adequately covered in school curriculums.

Established in 1895



# Chinese American Citizens Alliance

*“Over 115 Years of National Advocacy for our civil and immigration rights, for educational, economic, and political opportunities and for the general welfare of our community.”*

Website: [www.cacanational.org](http://www.cacanational.org)

## Mission

*To empower Chinese Americans by promoting the highest ethics and morals, by practicing and defending American citizenship in its fullest rights and responsibilities, by observing respectfully American patriotism, by preserving historical and cultural traditions, and by providing youth leadership and community learning through education.*

The Alliance has fought against racial discrimination, defended civil rights, opposed anti-immigration movements and countered efforts to marginalize Chinese American culture and heritage.

Each of the chartered lodges across the U.S. is dedicated to enhancing civic pride, supporting community services and promoting responsible citizenship.



## National Board and Representatives

### House Reception – Passage of Expression of Regrets



### Presentation of 1882 Educational Curriculum

## History and Accomplishments

**1895** – Chinese Americans in San Francisco establish the *Native Sons of the Golden State* in response to racism and prejudice that limited their employment, education, housing, insurance and banking opportunities. Full citizenship and informed civic engagement are key tenets.

**1912** – The Cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Oakland establish lodges.

**1915** – A new national charter is adopted to form the *Chinese American Citizens Alliance* under a Grand Lodge based in San Francisco.

**1921** – Built a National Headquarters in San Francisco.

**1924** – Alliance publishes *Chinese Times* as its official newspaper. It is the first Chinese language newspaper to be owned, edited, and published by American citizens. For 60 years, it is a principal source of national news and commentary for Chinese American communities.

**1943** – Congress repeals Chinese exclusion provisions to permit Chinese to immigrate (albeit limited to 105 worldwide per year) and become American citizens.

**1946** – With Alliance backing, Congress removes immigration restrictions that prevented Chinese from benefiting from the 1945 War Brides Act as non-quota wives and children of American citizens.

**1965** – Hart-Cellar Act removes race and national origins as basis for immigration. It comes on the heels of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to atone for past discrimination.

**2008** – Alliance wins House recognition of the contributions of Asian American/Pacific Islander soldiers who fought in the American Civil War.

**2011-2012** – Alliance, with 5 national Asian American organizations, obtains Senate and House unanimous resolutions condemning the Chinese exclusion laws first enacted in 1882.

**2014** – The U.S. Department of Labor, with Alliance assistance, inducts Chinese transcontinental railroad workers into its Wall of Honor.

## Youth Leadership Programs



### National Youth Leadership Conference

The Alliance promotes public awareness and Leadership in Asian American youth through:

- A.S.I.A. National Leadership Conference
- Walter U. Lum Scholarships
- Harvey Wong Scholarships
- National Essay and Art Contests
- Organizing youth groups across the nation

## Spirit of America Award

The Spirit of America Award recognizes individuals who embody the indomitable spirit of the American people and demonstrate superior leadership and achievements that nationally impact the Chinese American community and the American nation.



**Recipients: Rep. Judy Chu, Hon. Jean Quan, Mr. Jerry Lee and Munson Kwok, Ph.D.**