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C.A.C.A. Applauds Introduction of Chinese American World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act

San Francisco, CA—May 10, 2017. Chinese American Citizens Alliance—National (C.A.C.A.) vigorously applauds the introduction of the Chinese American WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R.2358) and in the U.S. Senate (S.1050) on May 4, 2017. The Bills were introduced by Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and co-sponsored by Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) in the Senate and by Representative Ed Royce (R-CA) and co-sponsored by Representative Ted Lieu (D-CA) and Representative Grace Meng (D-NY) in the House. The bipartisan legislation recognizes the significant contributions of the more than 13,000 Chinese American veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II and collectively awards them the Congressional Gold Medal.

The collaboration of Chinese American Citizens Alliance—National, Greater San Gabriel Valley and Orange County Lodges were key in partnering with House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce and Rep. Ted Lieu to call attention to little known contributions of Chinese American World War II veterans. Similarly, in the Senate, the Alliance's work through the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project culminated in the sponsorship by Sen. Duckworth, Sen. Cochran and Sen. Hirono.

Sen. Duckworth: *"Despite facing outright discrimination, more than 13,000 brave Chinese Americans volunteered to risk their lives to protect their fellow Americans from our enemies during World War II. Their unwavering commitment to their country even after being initially turned away should be recognized, and I'm proud to join Senators Cochran and Hirono in pushing for this brave group of Veterans to be honored with a Congressional Gold Medal."*

Sen. Cochran: *"This legislation would honor a group of World War II veterans who, like many minorities, overcame discrimination to serve their country bravely and honorably. I hope the Congress will act favorably on this proposal to commemorate the service of these Chinese American veterans,"*



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Sen. Hirono: *"In the face of discrimination and adversity, the Chinese American veterans of World War II served our nation with valor, bravery, and commitment. Holding positions in every branch of the Armed Services, Chinese Americans played a critical role in our nation's war efforts. This bill would recognize their dedicated service to our country."*

Chairman Royce: *"The United States remains forever indebted to the bravery, valor, and dedication that the Chinese American veterans of World War II displayed. Their commitment and sacrifice demonstrates a highly uncommon and commendable sense of patriotism and honor in the face of discrimination."*

"To these brave veterans of World War II, thank you for your service and sacrifice. We are a grateful nation, and we honor your service by working towards a better world. We must promote diplomacy over conflict and ensure that war is the absolute last resort."

Rep. Lieu: *"I am honored to join Congressman Ed Royce in introducing the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act. As we observe this month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the introduction of our bill is a timely reminder of the many contributions AAPIs have made to our great nation, including serving in our military. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, Chinese Americans served with courage and distinction during WWII and it is time for Congress to recognize them by awarding them the Congressional Gold Medal. As an Air Force veteran, I am thankful for those who came before who answered our nation's call to serve. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill to recognize the valiant contributions of our Chinese American Veterans."*

National President Ed Gor: *"The introduction of the bills into Congress to award the Congressional Gold Medal to our brave Chinese American World War II Veterans marks a significant milestone in our quest to recognize and honor the dedication to duty and privilege of service to this country for our sometimes forgotten Chinese Americans of this generation. Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) vigorously applauds and heartily commends the sponsorships of Senator Tammy Duckworth, Senator Thad Cochran, Rep. Ed Royce and Rep. Ted Lieu for these bills. Many of those who served are or were members of our organization and continued service as patriots and citizens in their respective communities."*

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater New York (NY), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA), Tucson (AZ), and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.