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C.A.C.A. Applauds House Passage of the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act

San Francisco, December 13, 2018 — San Francisco, December 13, 2018 – National Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) resoundingly applauds the U.S. House of Representatives action to pass by unanimous consent the Chinese American WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act on December 12. Coupled with the Senate’s similar action to pass S1050 by unanimous consent on September 12, 2018, the bill now heads to the President for his signature into law.

C.A.C.A. expresses its deepest appreciation to the House Lead Co-sponsors, including Representatives Ed Royce (R-CA), Ted Lieu (D-CA), and Grace Meng (D-NY) for their dedicated leadership in championing this effort. Similarly, C.A.C.A. reaffirms its gratitude to Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Thad Cochran (ret.) (R-MS) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) for garnering passage of its bill in September. Once signed by the President, this law awards the Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese American veterans who dutifully and honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

The Chinese American World War II Veterans Recognition Project, under the leadership of Project Director, E. Samantha Cheng, and National C.A.C.A. Veterans Project Coordinator, Ed Gor (Past National President of C.A.C.A.) issued the following joint statement: “We commend Congress for honoring and recognizing the contributions made by Chinese Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Services during World War II with the Congressional Gold Medal. The heartfelt considerations for this group by Congress mark a significant milestone for the nearly 20,000 Chinese American Veterans who served. These Veterans and their families, deem this recognition the highest honor from a grateful nation.”

“Having Congress approve the Congressional Gold Medal for the Chinese Americans who served in World War II is momentous and the timing historic. Tens of thousands of Chinese American men and women enlisted at a difficult juncture in American history, when the Chinese Exclusion Act was still in effect. We are grateful and appreciative for Congress’s recognition of service and sacrifice made by Chinese American veterans,” said Davace Chin, National President, Chinese American Citizens Alliance.



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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 San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), 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) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.