RESOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS
SUPPORTING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF $15 MILLION FOR THE
PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE
ANGEL ISLAND IMMIGRATION STATION

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WHEREAS $15 million in federal funding for the preservation of Angel Island is now before Congress

WHEREAS Restoration plans include rebuilding the pier to make it more accessible to the public; restoring a building for an educational and genealogical center, and creating a footprint of the former administration building

WHEREAS total estimation cost is $30-$32 million

WHEREAS In 1997 the Angel Island Immigration Station was designated as a National Historic Landmark, where approximately one million people processed through between 1910-1940, many of who came from China and other parts of Asia. As a result of severe exclusionary immigration laws, many new arrivals to Angel Island were held in barracks for extended periods of time and were subject to intense interrogations. Some detainees carved poignant poems into the walls of these barracks that can still be seen today.

WHEREAS In 2000 it was designated as one of "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places" and became an official project of the Save America's Treasurers, a joint program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the White House Millennium Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA supports federal appropriations for Angel Island Immigration Station

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the OCA President, on behalf of the OCA membership, shall write to Congress to request the appropriation of $15 million for the preservation of Angel Island Immigration Station

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that OCA recognizes the historical and emotional significance of preserving this national landmark.