RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. CHANG-LIN TIEN:

WHEREAS Chang-Lin Tien was the first Asian Pacific American to head a major research university in the United States as Chancellor of the University of California-Berkeley for 7 years; and

WHEREAS Dr. Tien was the recipient of the Max Jakob Memorial Award for his heat transfer Technology in 1981, the highest international honor in his field; and

WHEREAS In 1962, at the age of 26, Dr. Tien became the youngest professor to receive the University of California-Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award; and

WHEREAS Dr. Tien served on the first board of directors of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, an organization that seeks to empower Asian Pacific Americans and functions as a resource for Congress about the Asian Pacific Community; and

WHEREAS Dr. Tien was responsible for raising Berkeley’s PhD Programs to be the top in the nation; and

WHEREAS Dr. Tien pioneered the fields of thermal radiation in gases and microscale heat transfer and was internationally recognized with numerous honors in his field; and

WHEREAS Dr. Tien has tirelessly supported student diversity, and in 1995, launched the Berkeley Pledge, a partnership program between the University of California Berkeley and California’s public schools that later became the model for the national “Gear-Up” project, serving over 1,000,000 low-income students nationwide since its inception in 1998; and

WHEREAS Dr. Tien has staunchly supported affirmative action policies throughout his career, including opposing California’s Proposition 209 initiative to ban statewide affirmative action programs; and

WHEREAS As Chancellor, Dr. Tien maintained and raised the University of California-Berkeley and its programs to the top in the nation despite California’s lagging economy and decreased State funding for the university, by launching the most ambitious fundraising drive of the time for the University of California-Berkeley, raising more than $975,000,000 to support students and faculty through scholarships, professorships, research funds, and facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that OCA recognizes Dr. Tien as the first Asian Pacific American to head a major research university in the United States as Chancellor of the University of California-Berkeley, and we offer our condolences to the Tien family and to the faculty, staff, and students of the University of California-Berkeley.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that the Organization of Chinese American commends Dr. Tien’s life as a model educator, diplomat, and mentor. We will preserve his legacy of supporting diversity in higher education.