The Organization of Chinese American Resolution On
Minority Targeted Scholarships

Whereas, the Organization of Chinese Americans has received funds for the purpose of providing college scholarships to Asian Pacific American high school students entering college who are in financial need,

Whereas, a recent federal court decision has found that minority targeted scholarships are constitutional as a remedy to past discrimination,

Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans have historically been discriminated against in education and some Asian Pacific Americans are in need of financial assistance to attend colleges and universities,

Whereas, the Organization of Chinese Americans supports the right to provide financial assistance in the form of minority targeted scholarships to Asian Pacific Americans and other minorities for the purposes of attending public and private colleges and universities,

Whereas, the January 14, 1994 U.S. General Accounting Office report found that schools primarily fund minority-targeted scholarships through (1) private endowments and (2) income from tuition and other fees,

Whereas, the January 14, 1994 U.S. General Accounting Office report found that students receiving race- or ethnicity-based minority-targeted scholarships make up only 4 percent of all scholarships at undergraduate institutions and only 14 percent of all scholarships at professional schools,

Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans have received some financial aid from colleges and universities in the form of race- or ethnicity-based scholarships,

Whereas, the January 14, 1994 U.S. General Accounting Office report found that minority-targeted scholarships help colleges and universities diversify student bodies,

Whereas, the Organization of Chinese Americans supports diversity in student bodies in U.S. colleges and universities and the opportunity for students to receive a higher education,

Whereas, in response to the findings of the U.S. General Accounting Office report, the U.S. Secretary of Education has determined that it had previously interpreted the requirements of Title VI too narrowly in light of existing regulations and case law, and has issued new guidelines supporting the use of minority targeted scholarships by colleges and universities to remedy past discrimination or to diversify the student body,

Now be it therefore resolved that, the Organization of Chinese Americans calls for the U.S. Department of Education to support minority-targeted scholarships;

Be it also resolved that, the Organization of Chinese Americans supports the expansion of minority-targeted scholarships to include more Asian Pacific Americans;

Be it also resolved that, the Organization of Chinese Americans supports legislation that promotes diversity in institutions of higher education and remedies historical discrimination against minorities.

Passed unanimously by the OCA National Board February 26, 1994.