RESOLUTION REDEDICATING OCA TO VISION OF FOUNDERS

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On the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Organization of Chinese Americas (OCA), we salute the vision of the founders of a non-partisan, non-sectarian, domestic organization that has become the leading national spokesperson for Chinese- and Asian Americans’ hopes and aspirations in the United States.

That vision of our forebears established an identity of Chinese Americans who must take full advantage of our rights as American citizens. “We must assert our inherent rights as masters of our destiny in the United States” according to K.L. Wang, the founding president of OCA.

The vision realized that the struggle of Chinese- and Asian Americans to be judged on their merits and not on skin color or accents requires constant effort. Many OCA programs have been developed to counteract stereotyping, to seek legal redress for hate crimes against Asian Americans simply because they are Asian Americans, and to showcase the many positive contributions of Chinese – and Asian Americans. As successful as these programs have been, OCA sees that these efforts, like liberty, require eternal vigilance.

That vision sought the right for Chinese- and Asian Americans to participate in equal economic and business opportunities. OCA has embarked on programs to promote communication among Chinese- and Asian Americans to enhance their position in the business, corporate, professional and governmental sectors. Through the Business Advisory Council the OCA has established an indispensable partnership with the corporate world in fostering and sustaining OCA programs.

Our work is more important now than ever before. Every day our citizenship and loyalty to the United States are being questioned. We are perpetually seen as “foreigners” even though we have been here for many generations.

So, as we celebrate OCA’s accomplishments, we seek to participate more actively in the American political system realizing the historical fact that equality and justice must be fought for; and for the future, we seek to develop the next generation of leaders to continue the legacy to fully realize the hopes and aspirations of all Americans.

In view of the above considerations,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Organization of Chinese Americans, in celebrating its 25th anniversary, re-dedicates itself to the vision of the founders of OCA.