

**Introduced by Senator Pan**  
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 56, as introduced, Pan. Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

This measure would proclaim that the Legislature joins Taiwanese communities throughout the state in celebrating Taiwanese American Heritage Week. This measure would declare that warm relations and bilateral exchange between the people of California and Taiwan should grow. This measure would state that the Legislature supports the goals of Taiwanese American Heritage Week and recognizes the profound importance of Taiwanese Americans to California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, May 2015, will mark the 17th annual Taiwanese
- 2 American Heritage Week national celebration; and
- 3 WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton first acknowledged, in a
- 4 letter to the Taiwanese community in May 1999, the celebration
- 5 of Taiwanese American Heritage Week during the first week of
- 6 May; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The annual Taiwanese American Heritage Week
- 8 celebration creates awareness of the contributions of Taiwanese
- 9 Americans; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The recognition of Taiwanese American Heritage
- 11 Week promotes shared community among different generations
- 12 of Taiwanese Americans in California; and

1 WHEREAS, The Taiwanese American community strongly  
2 supports democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans are committed to the  
4 principles of freedom, justice, and democracy; and

5 WHEREAS, Frequent exchanges, including exchanges at the  
6 highest level of government, contribute to broadening the  
7 friendship and cooperation between California and Taiwan; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have contributed greatly to  
9 scientific, technological, and business advancements that have  
10 helped to shape our state and the world, including notable  
11 Taiwanese Americans such as Chief Technology Officer of  
12 YouTube Steven Chen, California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin  
13 Liu, and cofounder of Yahoo Jeremy Yang; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have also contributed greatly  
15 to the arts, entertainment, and humanitarian endeavors that have  
16 impacted and shaped the social fabric of our state and nation,  
17 including Academy Award winning film director Ang Lee,  
18 journalists Lisa and Laura Ling, National Basketball Association  
19 phenom, Jeremy Lin; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States and Taiwan share common ideals  
21 and a vision for a healthy, peaceful, and democratic 21st century;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature joins Taiwanese  
25 communities throughout the state in celebrating Taiwanese  
26 American Heritage Week; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares that the warm relations  
28 and bilateral exchange between the people of California and Taiwan  
29 should grow; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Legislature supports the goals of Taiwanese  
31 American Heritage Week and recognizes the profound importance  
32 of Taiwanese Americans to California; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
34 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.