

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 130

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 56, 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.

WHEREAS, May 2015, will mark the 17th annual Taiwanese American Heritage Week national celebration; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton first acknowledged, in a letter to the Taiwanese community in May 1999, the celebration of Taiwanese American Heritage Week during the first week of May; and

WHEREAS, The annual Taiwanese American Heritage Week celebration creates awareness of the contributions of Taiwanese Americans; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Taiwanese American Heritage Week promotes shared community among different generations of Taiwanese Americans in California; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have also contributed greatly to the arts, entertainment, and humanitarian endeavors that have impacted and shaped the social fabric of our state and nation, including Academy Award

winning film director Ang Lee, journalists Lisa and Laura Ling, National Basketball Association phenom, Jeremy Lin; and

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

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

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

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

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