

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 17, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 133

Introduced by Assembly Member Pan
(Coauthor: Senator Lieu)

March 20, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 133—Relative to Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 133, as amended, 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 2012, will mark the 14th annual Taiwanese
- 2 American Heritage Week national celebration; and
- 3 WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton first ~~proclaimed the first~~
- 4 ~~week of May as Taiwanese American Heritage week in 1999~~
- 5 *acknowledged, in a letter to the Taiwanese community in May*
- 6 *1999, the celebration of Taiwanese American Heritage Week*
- 7 *during the first week of May; and*

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

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

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have contributed greatly to
15 scientific, technological, and business advancements that have
16 helped to shape our state and the world, including notable
17 Taiwanese Americans such as Chief Technology Officer of
18 YouTube Steven Chen, California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin
19 Liu, ~~University of California Santa Barbara Chancellor Henry~~
20 ~~Tzu-Yow Yang~~, and cofounder of Yahoo Jeremy Yang; and

21 WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have also contributed greatly
22 to the arts, entertainment, and humanitarian endeavors that have
23 impacted and shaped the social fabric of our state and nation,
24 including Academy Award winning film director Ang Lee,
25 journalists Lisa and Laura Ling, ~~actress Lucy Liu~~, National
26 Basketball Association phenom, Jeremy Lin; and

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

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

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

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

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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