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C.A.C.A. National Applauds Passage of House Resolution Condemning Anti-Asian Discrimination Relating to Coronavirus

San Francisco, September 23, 2020 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) praises the passage of a resolution condemning anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19 by the U.S. House of Representatives last Thursday, September 17. First introduced in March by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-N.Y.), House Resolution 908, "Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19," became law in a 243-164 vote.

Congresswoman Meng wrote that the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID–19, such as the "Chinese Virus," "Wuhan Virus," and "Kung-flu" have perpetuated anti-Asian bias and a sharp rise in hate crimes and incidents against those of Asian descent. A recent study documented more than 400 cases related to COVID–19 anti-Asian discrimination between February 9 and March 7, 2020. The measure cited statements from the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention assert that the name of a virus to the geographic location where it originated perpetuates a stigma.

"It's been a disquieting time for most of the 22 million Asian Americans here and globally who are unjustifiably the target of suspicion as the source of the pandemic agent. With the passage of H.R. 908, C.A.C.A. applauds Congress for making a strong stand against all acts of racism, xenophobia, discrimination that are driven by anti-Asian sentiment, especially when there has been little defense and protection from the Administration," said C.A.C.A. National President Melanie Chan. To see the full text of the House measure, visit www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/908/text?r=11&s=5.

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Orange County (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Sacramento (CA), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.