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C.A.C.A. Mourns the Passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

San Francisco, September 25, 2020 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) mourns the loss of United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and honors her legacy as a pioneer in gender equality. She passed away last Friday, September 18, from complications of pancreatic cancer at age 87.

Today, Justice Ginsburg's body will lie in state at the U.S. Capitol. She will be the first woman and Jewish person in history to do so there.

Born in 1933, Justice Ginsburg attended the Harvard and Columbia University Law Schools and taught law at Rutgers and Columbia. Her personal encounters with openly discriminatory policies for women in her early career fueled her passion in the fight for women's rights and social justice. In 1972, she joined the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) as the co-founder of the new Women's Rights Project, and became the leading advocate in the Supreme Court for gender equality. With concise and sound reasoning, she had a methodical way of bringing her audience to her point of view.

Justice Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1993. Over her 27-year tenure on the Supreme Court, she emerged as a champion of progressive causes. She empathized with the struggles of women, people of color, immigrants, and the LGBTQ community, and advocated for what she called a more 'embracive' Constitution. She was known for her powerful dissents and over the decades, became the "Notorious RBG" and a pop icon. She was a brilliant jurist with a love of opera and was a woman who transcended generational divides.

"Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg leaves a lasting legacy for this generation of young people to continue her important work in advancing justice and equality for all," says C.A.C.A. National President Melanie Chan. "She challenged stereotypes and is an inspiration for women and girls across our nation."

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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.