

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 9, 2015

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 56**

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**Introduced by Senator Pan**

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May 5, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 56, 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 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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have also contributed greatly  
27 to the arts, entertainment, and humanitarian endeavors that have  
28 impacted and shaped the social fabric of our state and nation,  
29 including Academy Award winning film director Ang Lee,  
30 journalists Lisa and Laura Ling, National Basketball Association  
31 phenom, Jeremy Lin; and

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

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

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

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

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

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