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MEDIA ADVISORY

Secretary Padilla to Rename Secretary of State Building in Honor of March Fong Eu

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Alex Padilla will host a ceremony on Monday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. to rename the Secretary of State/State Archives Building Complex in honor of the late former California Secretary of State March Fong Eu. It will officially be called the March Fong Eu Secretary of State Building. This is the first California state office building named after an Asian-American woman. The ceremony will include the unveiling of a new permanent plaque honoring March Fong Eu's legacy.

March Fong Eu served as California's Secretary of State for almost 20 years, from January 6, 1975 to February 17, 1994. She was the first woman to serve as California Secretary of State, the first Asian-American woman to serve in the state legislature, and the first Asian-American elected to statewide constitutional office.

The State Archives will have items from her tenure as Secretary of State on display outside of the auditorium for public viewing.

***Media interested in attending must RSVP to sos.press@sos.ca.gov**

WHO: California Secretary of State Alex Padilla
Suyin Stein, Daughter of March Fong Eu
Nancy Lenoil, California State Archivist
John Burns, Former California State Archivist
Michael Gagan, Former Chief Deputy, California Secretary of State

WHEN: Monday, March 25, 2019
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: California Secretary of State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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