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**Energize public participation to increase knowledge!**

**Come celebrate the award year “Alta California 2009 Culture Capital Of America” on California's Birthday (Admission Day) September 9, 2009 at 8 p.m. on the west steps of the California State Capitol in Sacramento.**

**BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT TO LIGHT THE CAPITOL**

**Limited to 499 people on the steps!**

**Mark your calendar!**

**Celebrate** the America500 Birthday 2009 Edition national learning in geography and science.

**The award year ALTA CALIFORNIA 2009 CULTURE CAPITAL OF AMERICA** celebrates the America500 Birthday Extravaganza Vision (2007-2012) to open local windows to worldwide learning. The national celebration is recognized by H.Res 287 America, 110<sup>th</sup> Congress [www.WhonamedAmerica.com](http://www.WhonamedAmerica.com)

In January 2009, the Organizing Committee gave the award to fifty Golden State cities counties to implement locally for the **BRING HOME THE SPIRIT OF HISTORY** national mission. **Do you know the answers to:** Who Named America? What is Alta California? How did your town get its name? Across the country, the Who Named America movement is energizing the thirst for knowledge by addressing the **national crisis of people knowing little about where they live**, or stories of sacrifice for future generations.

In support, each town is forming its local Storyteller Task Force to increase knowledge and creativity in the economy. Riccardo Gaudino, Golden State Transportation-Ag Education Fund historian, created the flashlight Capitol lighting from when Gene Pedrotti organized "EVEREADY TO PARTY" for the Carquinez Bridge 60th Anniversary with national acclaim!

The 2009 Culture Capital of America celebration at the State Capitol champions the unique opportunity to engage residents in the making of history. The month of **September-October is the California Birthday Extravaganza.**

What do you have to light with flashlights in your town to **BRING HOME THE SPIRIT OF HISTORY** for the award year statewide?

Share Your Passion! Celebrate America For the WE! Know Your Story!