

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 149

Introduced by Assembly Members Beall and Pan

May 1, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 149—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 149, as introduced, Beall. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would recognize May 2012 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The earliest Asian Americans immigrated to the
2 United States in the 1800s; and
3 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have played
4 a critical role in the social, economic, and political development
5 of California throughout its history; and
6 WHEREAS, The 5.5 million Asian and Pacific Islander
7 Americans in California are one of the fastest growing ethnic
8 populations in the state; and
9 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent
10 over 15.5 percent of California's population and represent
11 ancestries that include Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Asian
12 Indian, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian,
13 Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Samoan, Singaporean,
14 Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan, and Vietnamese; and

1 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific
2 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged
3 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on
4 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,
5 and interests of the Asian and Pacific Islander American
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs
8 have led many of California's businesses to the pinnacle of their
9 respective industries; and

10 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American communities
11 throughout California actively promote their cultural heritage and
12 promote cross-cultural understanding; and

13 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans will continue
14 to be an important part of California's diverse tapestry of cultures
15 and ideas; and

16 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have
17 contributed greatly to California's economic success, rural growth,
18 and urban development; and

19 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to
20 cultivate and advance the fields of the arts and humanities,
21 business, education, information technology, law, public safety,
22 science, sports, and the environment; and

23 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American refugees have
24 revitalized many of California's communities, while bringing in
25 new ideas and economic opportunities; and

26 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American immigrants
27 and refugees had to overcome tremendous odds and cultural
28 barriers to establish a better life for their families; and

29 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have a proud
30 legacy of service and dedication to the state and to the United
31 States; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and
34 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
35 outstanding service to the state, and recognizes the month of May
36 2012 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and
37 be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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