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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 149

Introduced by Assembly Members Beall and Member Pan
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May 1, 2012

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 149, as amended, ~~Beall~~ *Pan*. 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, *but are not limited to, Asian Indian,*

1 *Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro,*
2 *Chinese, ~~Asian Indian,~~ Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian,*
3 *Iu-Mien, Iwo Jiman, Guamanian, ~~Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian,~~*
4 *~~Iu-Mien,~~ Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian,*
5 *Mongolian, Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Okinawan,*
6 *Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, ~~Taiwanese,~~ Sri Lankan, Thai,*
7 *Tongan, and Vietnamese other Pacific Islander; and*

8 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific
9 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged
10 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on
11 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,
12 and interests of the Asian and Pacific Islander American
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs
15 have led many of California's businesses to the pinnacle of their
16 respective industries; and

17 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American communities
18 throughout California actively promote their cultural heritage and
19 promote cross-cultural understanding; and

20 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans will continue
21 to be an important part of California's diverse tapestry of cultures
22 and ideas; and

23 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have
24 contributed greatly to California's economic success, rural growth,
25 and urban development; and

26 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to
27 cultivate and advance the fields of the arts and humanities,
28 business, education, information technology, law, public safety,
29 science, sports, and the environment; and

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

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

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

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
40 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature commends Asian and*

1 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
2 outstanding service to the state, and recognizes the month of May
3 2012 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and
4 be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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