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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 133

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

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(Coauthors: Senators Lieu and Liu)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 133—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 133, as amended, Bonta. May 2014: Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would recognize May 2014 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific
2 Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New
3 Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the
4 Manila-Acapulco trade route settled; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made
6 indelible contributions to the history of California and the United
7 States that include, but are not limited to, building the
8 Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the Armed Forces,
9 fighting for the United States in foreign wars, coorganizing the
10 Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights; and

11 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured
12 hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and
13 discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and
14 nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized
15 citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, antimiscegenation
16 laws, and Japanese internment; and

17 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to
18 cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business,
19 technology, education, science, government, law, humanities,
20 medicine, sports, and entertainment; and

21 WHEREAS, California is home to over 5.8 million Asian and
22 Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian
23 and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing
24 ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

25 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute
26 16 percent of California's population and represent diverse
27 ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian,
28 Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro,
29 Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo
30 Jiman, Guamanian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian,
31 Maldivian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese,
32 Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai,
33 Tongan, and other Pacific Islander; and

34 WHEREAS, California's Asian and Pacific Islander American
35 entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses
36 to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally,
37 and own 15 percent of businesses in California; and

38 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific
39 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged
40 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on

1 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,
2 and interests of California’s Asian and Pacific Islander American
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The California Asian and Pacific Islander
5 Legislative Caucus, a caucus of State Assembly Members and
6 Senators, represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse
7 Asian and Pacific Islander American communities; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal government officially designates May
9 as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month”; and

10 WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage
11 Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the
12 achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific
13 Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and
16 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
17 contributions to California, and recognizes May 2014 as Asian
18 and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
20 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.