

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 56

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 50

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 56, Honda. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would commend Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their accomplishments and service to the State of California, and would declare the month of May 1997 Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have played a critical role in the social, economic, and political development of California throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in California; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent over 9 percent of California's population, and represent ancestries that include: Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, East Indian, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Singaporean, Thai, Tongan, and Vietnamese; and

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

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans communities throughout California actively promote their cultural heritage and promote cross-cultural understanding; and

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

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American immigrants contributed greatly to California's economic success, rural growth, and urban development; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have a proud legacy of service and dedication to the State of California and to the United States of America; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and outstanding service to the State of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby declares the month of May 1997 Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and be it further

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

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