

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 71

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

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ACR 161, Nakano. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would commend Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their accomplishments and service to the state, and would recognize May 2000 as 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 12 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 American 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 have contributed greatly to California's economic success, educational institutions, agricultural 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 recognizes the month of May 2000 as 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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