

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 70

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month..

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 70, as introduced, Ma. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would recognize May 2009 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 five 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 14 percent of California’s population and represent ancestries
11 that include Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino,
12 Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese,

1 Korean, Laotian, Samoan, Singaporean, Thai, Tongan, and
2 Vietnamese; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and
36 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
37 outstanding service to the state, and recognizes the month of May
38 2009 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and
39 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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