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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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

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

4 WHEREAS, The five million Asian and Pacific Islander
5 Americans in California are one of the fastest growing ethnic
6 populations in the state; and

7 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent
8 over 14 percent of California's population and represent ancestries
9 that include Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino,
10 Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese,
11 Korean, Laotian, Samoan, Singaporean, Thai, Tongan, and
12 Vietnamese; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Commission on Asian and Pacific
14 Islander American Affairs was established in 2004 and is charged
15 with advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on
16 issues relating to the social and economic development, rights,
17 and interests of the Asian and Pacific Islander American
18 communities; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American communities
23 throughout California actively promote their cultural heritage and
24 promote cross-cultural understanding; and

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

28 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have
29 contributed greatly to California's economic success, rural growth,
30 and urban development; and

31 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to
32 cultivate and advance the fields of the arts and humanities,
33 business, education, information technology, law, public safety,
34 science, sports, and the environment; and

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

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

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

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and
6 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
7 outstanding service to the state, and recognizes the month of May
8 2009 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and
9 be it further

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