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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 36

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 36—Relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 36, as amended, Williams. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would recognize May 2011 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,
13 Korean, Laotian, Samoan, Singaporean, Thai, Tongan, and
14 Vietnamese; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
8 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Asian and
9 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
10 outstanding service to the state, and recognizes the month of May
11 2011 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and
12 be it further

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