

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 526

WHEREAS, May 2023 has been set aside as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize the accomplishments and wide-ranging contributions of individuals who trace their ancestry to Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, Originally established by the United States Congress as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week, the observance celebrates the diverse culture, traditions, and history of people from the Asian continent and the islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia in the Pacific; it was officially expanded into a monthlong celebration in 1992; and

WHEREAS, The month of May was chosen for this commemorative period because of two key events in our nation's history; on May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the U.S., and on May 10, 1869, a workforce largely composed of Chinese laborers completed the Transcontinental Railroad; and

WHEREAS, According to a 2022 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, around 6.2 percent of Americans identify as Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander, with approximately 24 million Americans claiming Asian ancestry and nearly 1.6 million tracing their origins to Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is home to generations of Americans who take great pride in their family roots in Asia and the Pacific Islands, and this annual observance provides a welcome opportunity to celebrate their significant contributions to the prosperity and cultural vibrancy of our nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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Alvarado	Hancock	Nichols
Bettencourt	Hinojosa	Parker
Birdwell	Hughes	Paxton
Blanco	Johnson	Perry
Campbell	King	Schwertner
Creighton	Kolkhorst	Sparks
Eckhardt	LaMantia	Springer
Flores	Menéndez	West
Gutierrez	Middleton	Whitmire
Hall	Miles	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate