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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage  
2 Month in May 2005 provides an opportunity to recognize the rich  
3 cultural heritage and significant contributions of Asian-Pacific  
4 Americans in the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month is an annual  
6 observance that began as a weeklong event in 1979; the week was  
7 expanded to a month's duration after President George H. W. Bush  
8 signed Public Law 102-450 on October 23, 1992, permanently  
9 establishing the month of May as the time to honor the achievements  
10 of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, May has special significance for the Asian-Pacific  
12 American community, as the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the  
13 United States on May 7, 1843, and the transcontinental railroad,  
14 which was primarily built by Chinese immigrants, was completed on  
15 May 10, 1869; and

16 WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific Americans have been a significant  
17 part of the population of this nation and of Texas for many years,  
18 and the celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month  
19 acknowledges and promotes the immeasurable benefits of a truly  
20 diverse society; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize May 2005 as Asian-Pacific American  
23 Heritage Month and encourage all citizens to learn more about the  
24 history and contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans in the Lone

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