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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans contribute vitally to
2 communities across the United States, and the observance of
3 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May 2009 offers a fitting
4 opportunity to recognize this diverse group of people; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1990, President George H. W. Bush expanded the
6 annual celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. from
7 the first 10 days of May to the entire month; May was chosen to
8 commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United
9 States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the May 10, 1869, anniversary of
10 the completion of the transcontinental railroad, which was built in
11 large part by Chinese immigrants; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the early waves of Asian immigrants in the
13 19th century, people from throughout the Asian continent and the
14 Pacific Islands have made the United States their home;
15 Asian/Pacific Americans number more than 15 million and have
16 distinguished themselves through their service in the U.S.
17 military, their business and professional endeavors, their
18 community involvement, their cultural traditions, and their strong
19 bonds of family; and

20 WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans have made a positive and
21 lasting difference to the Lone Star State and the country as a
22 whole, and the celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month
23 acknowledges and promotes the immeasurable benefits of living in a
24 truly diverse society; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize May 2009 as Asian/Pacific American
3 Heritage Month and encourage all citizens to learn more about the
4 history and achievements of Asian/Pacific Americans.