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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage
2 Month in May 2013 offers a fitting opportunity to honor the
3 wide-ranging contributions to this state and nation made by
4 individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint
6 resolution of the United States Congress designating a week in May
7 as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week; the event was expanded 12
8 years later into a monthlong celebration, and in 1992, May was
9 officially designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The term Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian
12 continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and
13 Polynesia; when Congress initially set aside time to acknowledge
14 the diverse culture, traditions, and history of people from this
15 region, it selected May in order to commemorate two major
16 developments in the annals of the United States; May 7, 1843, marked
17 the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants and May 10, 1869, saw
18 the completion of the transcontinental railroad, constructed
19 mostly by workers from China; and

20 WHEREAS, Through the years, generations of Americans
21 descended from Asians and Pacific Islanders have made an indelible
22 imprint on the Lone Star State, and it is indeed a pleasure to join
23 in celebrating the many ways in which they have enriched the vibrant
24 cultural fabric of our nation; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize May 2013 as Asian-Pacific American
3 Heritage Month.