

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Houston lodge of the Chinese American Citizens
2 Alliance is commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World
3 War II and paying tribute to the service of Chinese American
4 veterans by hosting a luncheon, "Honoring Our Veterans," on May 30,
5 2015, at the Tracy Gee Community Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Chinese Americans have served in every American
7 conflict since the Civil War, but it was not until World War II that
8 many of them were allowed to serve in combat; approximately 20,000
9 Chinese Americans took part in the war, mostly as members of the
10 U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Air Forces; and

11 WHEREAS, Among their number was Captain Francis B. Wai, who
12 displayed conspicuous bravery while fighting in the Philippines in
13 1944 and who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service
14 Cross, which was upgraded in 2000 to a Medal of Honor; Commander
15 Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon of the U.S.S. *Sigsbee* received the Navy
16 Cross for leading the efforts to save his ship after a kamikaze
17 attack; he ended his career in 1959 as a rear admiral; and

18 WHEREAS, Chinese American women also served during World War
19 II in the Military Intelligence Service of the Women's Army Corps
20 and in the U.S. Army Air Forces; Maggie Gee and Hazel Ying Lee of the
21 Women Airforce Service Pilots flew logistics missions, and Ms. Gee
22 trained male pilots for combat; and

23 WHEREAS, All Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to
24 those Chinese Americans who wore our nation's uniform during World

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1 War II and other conflicts, and the event in Houston is a fitting
2 opportunity to recognize their heroism and sacrifice in this
3 country's time of need; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the World War II memorial luncheon
6 in Houston and extend to the members of the Chinese American
7 Citizens Alliance and their honored guests sincere best wishes for
8 a meaningful and memorable event; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Chinese American Citizens Alliance as an
11 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2787 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House