

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, May 2017 has been set aside as Asian American and  
2 Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize the accomplishments  
3 and wide-ranging contributions of individuals who trace their  
4 ancestry to Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

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

11           WHEREAS, The month of May was chosen for this commemorative  
12 period because of two key events in our nation's history; on May 7,  
13 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived, and on May 10, 1869, a  
14 workforce largely composed of Chinese laborers completed the  
15 Transcontinental Railroad; and

16           WHEREAS, In 2013, the Pew Research Center released a report  
17 highlighting the tremendous progress that has been made by Asian  
18 Americans; the study noted that a century ago, most were  
19 low-skilled, low-wage laborers subject to official discrimination;  
20 today, however, Asian Americans rank as the racial group with the  
21 highest levels of income and education in the nation; since about  
22 2000, Asian Americans have also constituted the fastest-growing  
23 racial group in the United States, largely because of immigration;  
24 in addition, Asians who have recently arrived in this country are

1 about three times more likely than other immigrants to be sponsored  
2 for permanent residency by an employer; the Pew report further  
3 noted that more than 60 percent of new Asian immigrants age 25 to 64  
4 held at least a bachelor's degree; and

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

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize May 2017 as Asian American and Pacific  
13 Islander Heritage Month.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1593 was adopted by the House on May 3, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House