

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, May 2019 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  
22 approximately 2000, Asian Americans have also constituted the  
23 fastest-growing racial group in the United States, largely because  
24 of immigration; in addition, Asians who have recently arrived in

1 this country are about three times more likely than other  
2 immigrants to be sponsored for permanent residency by an employer;  
3 the Pew report further noted that over 60 percent of new Asian  
4 immigrants age 25 to 64 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 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize May 2019 as Asian American and Pacific  
13 Islander Heritage Month.

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Allen	Guillen	Oliverson
Allison	Gutierrez	Ortega
Anchia	Harless	Pacheco
Anderson	Harris	Paddie
Ashby	Hefner	Parker
Bailes	Hernandez	Patterson
Beckley	Herrero	Paul
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Perez
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Phelan
Bernal	Howard	Price
Biedermann	Huberty	Ramos
Blanco	Hunter	Raney
Bohac	Israel	Raymond
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Reynolds
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Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Romero, Jr.
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Cole	Lang	Smithee
Coleman	Larson	Springer
Collier	Leach	Stephenson
Cortez	Leman	Stickland
Craddick	Longoria	Stucky
Cyrrier	Lopez	Swanson
Darby	Lozano	Talarico
Davis of Dallas	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Harris	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dean	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Deshotel	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Dominguez	Meyer	Toth
Dutton	Meza	Turner of Dallas
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González of El Paso	Neave	Zerwas
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 990 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House