

Public Law 102-42  
102d Congress

## Joint Resolution

To designate May 1991 and May 1992 as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month".

May 14, 1991  
[H.J. Res. 173]

Whereas, on May 7, 1843, the 1st Japanese immigrants came to the United States and, on May 10, 1869, Golden Spike Day, the 1st transcontinental railroad in the United States was completed with significant contributions from Chinese pioneers;

Whereas, in 1979, the President proclaimed the week beginning on May 4, 1979, as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, providing an opportunity for the people of the United States to recognize the history, concerns, contributions, and achievements of Asian and Pacific Americans;

Whereas more than 6.9 million people in the United States can trace their roots to Asia and the islands of the Pacific; and

Whereas Asian and Pacific Americans have contributed significantly to the development of the arts, sciences, government, military, and education in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That—*

(1) May 1991 and May 1992 are each designated as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month";

(2) the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation for each such month calling on the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(3) the chief executive officer of each State and locality is requested to issue a proclamation for each such month calling on the people of the State or locality to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Approved May 14, 1991.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 173:

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