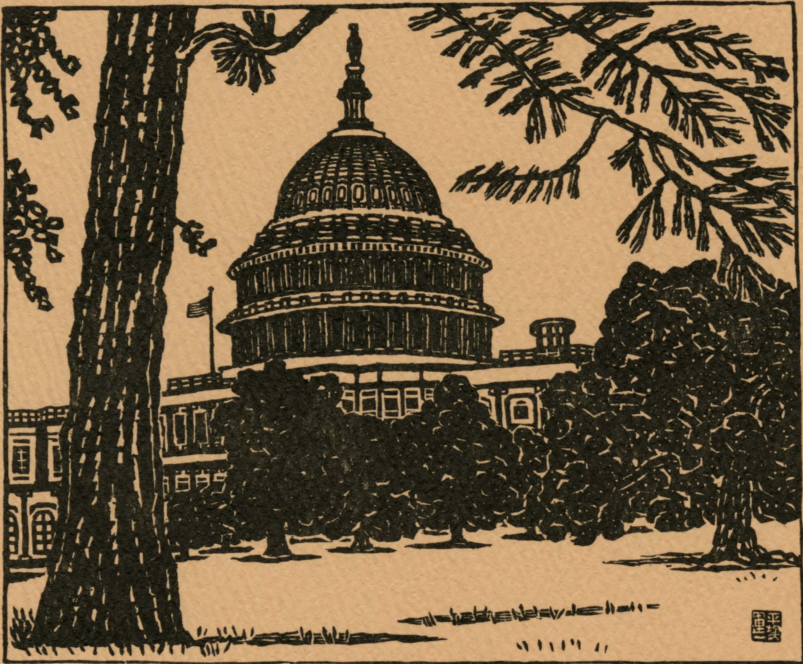


ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN  
HERITAGE WEEK



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## CALENDAR OF SELECTED EVENTS

### Washington, D.C. Area

#### May 3

- Inaugurating Reception (6:30-9:00 pm)  
Sponsor: Japanese American Citizens League, Washington, DC Chapter  
Place: Senate Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building

#### May 4

- Pan Asian American Women and Federal Program Managers Workshop (4-8 pm)  
Sponsor: Organization of Chinese American Women and Organization of Pan Asian American Women  
Place: 345 Cannon House Building, Caucus Room
- Entertainment by Asian/Pacific Americans (evening)  
Sponsor: National Institute of Health  
Place: Masur Auditorium, Bldg 10, Rockville

#### May 5

- Asian and Pacific American Heritage Festival (11 am-6 pm)  
Sponsor: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Council, Inc.  
Place: Washington Monument Grounds and Sylvan Theater

#### May 6

- Wreath Laying Ceremony, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (1 pm)  
Sponsor: Japanese American Citizens League  
Place: Arlington National Cemetery

#### May 7

- "Pacific Bridges" (daily thru May 11)  
Sponsor: US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Gold Mountain Programs (daily thru May 11) (1-3 pm)  
Sponsor: DC WPFW 89.3 FM

#### May 8

- Consultation on Asian and Pacific Americans—Myths and Realities (thru May 9) (8:30 am-5 pm)  
Sponsor: US Commission on Civil Rights  
Place: George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium
- Education of the Native Hawaiian (9-10 am)  
Sponsor: Office of Education, HEW  
Place: Horace Mann Learning Center

#### May 9

- Conference/Workshops on Asian and Pacific American Concerns—Looking to the 1980's (thru May 10)  
Sponsor: National Coalition for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Proclamation  
Place: Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2168
- Community/Congressional Reception (7 pm)  
Sponsor: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Council, Inc.  
Place: Bolling Air Force Base, Officers Club

#### May 10

- Asian American Stereotyping  
Sponsor: Bureau of the Census
- Speaker Program (3-5 pm)  
Sponsor: US Department of Justice/APAFEC Justice Chapter  
Place: Main Justice Building, Conference Room B

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK, 1979

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### A PROCLAMATION

America's greatness—its ideals, its system of government, its economy, its people—derives from the contribution of peoples of many origins who come to our land seeking human liberties or economic opportunity. Asian-Americans have played a significant role in the creation of a dynamic and pluralistic America, with their enormous contributions to our science, arts, industry, government and commerce.

Unfortunately, we have not always fully appreciated the talents and the contributions which Asian-Americans have brought to the United States. Until recently, our immigration and naturalization laws discriminated against them. They were also subjected to discrimination in education, housing, and employment. And during World War II our Japanese-American citizens were treated with suspicion and fear.

Yet, Asians of diverse origins—from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Southeast Asia—continued to look to America as a land of hope, opportunity, and freedom.

At last their confidence in the United States has been justified. We have succeeded in removing the barriers to full participation in American life, and we welcome the newest Asian immigrants to our shores—refugees from Indochina displaced by political, and social upheavals. Their successful integration into American society and their positive and active participation in our national life demonstrates the soundness of America's policy of continued openness to peoples from Asia and the Pacific.

The Ninety-fifth Congress has requested the President by House Joint Resolution 1007, approved October 5, 1978, to designate the seven-day period beginning on May 4, 1979, as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, declare the week beginning on May 4, 1979, as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and third.

JIMMY CARTER



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## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1978

### ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

Mr. LEHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1007) authorizing the President to proclaim a week, which is to include the 7th and 10th of the month, during the first 10 days in May of 1979 as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week" as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. Res. 1007

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue during the first ten days of May of 1979, which is to include the seventh and tenth days of the month, a proclamation designating the seventh day beginning on May 4, 1979, as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week" and calling upon the people of the United States especially the educational community to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is a second demanded?

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I demand a second.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, a second will be considered as ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. LEHMAN) will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUSSELOT) will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LEHMAN).

Mr. LEHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. LEHMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEHMAN. Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 1007 has over 235 signatures. It was introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. MINETA).

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I yield

myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 1007 which authorizes the President to proclaim a week, to include the 7th and 10th of the first 10 days of May 1979, as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week." House Joint Resolution 1007 was reported unanimously by the Post Office and Civil Service Committee on June 21.

This resolution is consistent with previous resolutions which have recognized the contributions of black Americans and those of Spanish heritage.

The 7th and 10th of May are especially significant in the history of Asian/Pacific Americans as they represent accomplishments and contributions to this country.

First, May 7, 1979, will be the 136th anniversary of arrival of the first Japanese who immigrated to America; and

Second, May 10, 1979, will be the 110th anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike, signifying the contribution of the Chinese to the building of the first trans-America railroad.

Asian/Pacific Americans have contributed significantly to communities all over this Nation. In California their hard work and dedication are recognized throughout the State. Over 1.4 million people in America trace their ancestors to various parts of the Pacific and it is appropriate that this group and its achievements should be suitably honored.

I will support House Joint Resolution 1007 and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HORTON).

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 1007, a resolution calling upon the President of the United States to proclaim a week during the first 10 days in May to honor Americans of Asian/Pacific heritage.

Mr. Speaker, over 2 million Americans can trace their ancestry to Asian/Pacific areas of the world. Their contribution to

the growth of the United States has been an example for all Americans.

One year ago, Congressman MINETA and I set about obtaining the necessary 218 cosponsors of this resolution in order to comply with the rules of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. We would like to express our gratitude to the 231 Members of the House who supported us.

I would also like to express our deepest appreciation to Jeanie F. Jew, chairperson of the National Coalition for an Asian/Pacific American Heritage Proclamation and to Ruby G. Moy, chairperson of the Asian/Pacific Congressional Caucus, for their enthusiastic and herculean contributions in making this proclamation a reality.

While this resolution is geared to the year 1979, we are hopeful that the President will see fit to proclaim such a week in subsequent years. For the 2 million Americans of Asian/Pacific heritage, such a commemoration is a most welcome recognition.

Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest elements of our society has been its ability to accommodate socially, politically, and culturally, the millions of people who have come to our land from all over the world. I am pleased and proud to be associated with this resolution recognizing our Asian/Pacific brothers and sisters and urge the House to adopt the resolution.

Mr. LEHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. MINETA).

(Mr. MINETA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my strong support for House Joint Resolution 1007, a resolution urging the President to proclaim a week in May 1979 recognizing the contribution of over 4 million Americans of Asian/Pacific heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I also thank the chairman of this subcommittee, the gentle-

man from Florida (Mr. LEHMAN), and the gentleman from California (Mr. ROUSSELOT), the ranking member, for their effort in helping us to get this resolution through.

Mr. Speaker, America has been called the melting pot of the world. While we have opened our Nation in an unprecedented fashion to the people from throughout the world, the free society of which we are all a part has permitted a continuation of the cultural and social heritage of our citizens' ancestral homes. So, rather than "the melting pot of the world," this country is really more like a tapestry with yards of different fabrics and colors, interwoven to bring strength to the total tapestry of our country and yet with its differing colors—vivid and strong, signifying the cultural and social heritage of our citizens' ancestral homes.

Since the earliest days of our Republic, Asian/Pacific families have contributed to the growth, prosperity, and stability of the United States. It is fitting and appropriate that this contribution be recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my very distinguished colleague, the gentleman from New York, Mr. FRANK HORTON, in thanking the 231 Members of the House who cosponsored this resolution and urge the adoption of the resolution.

To my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HORTON), let me express my very deep gratitude for his strong help on this measure. I would also like to join him in recognizing the very capable assistance of Mrs. Jeanie F. Jew, chairperson of the National Coalition for an Asian/Pacific American Heritage Proclamation, who encouraged the enthusiastic support from national organizations, which we have received for this bill, and to Ruby G. Moy, chairperson of the Asian/Pacific Congressional Caucus,

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who guided our efforts.

● Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to support this worthwhile legislation which focuses attention on an often forgotten minority—Asian/Pacific Americans. While we are a culturally pluralistic society, we often have failed to recognize the contributions and specific problems of Asian/Pacific Americans.

As a result of a dramatic change in our immigration patterns, significant numbers of Asian/Pacific Americans can be found in all of our major cities. While their assimilation into American society has not been pain free, it has been a mutually beneficial experience. Their presence and contributions have resulted in a stimulating cross-fertilization of cultures which makes itself evident in art, music, literature, poetry, education, science, and research.

On the west coast Chinese architects have designed residential and nonresidential structures for a biracial clientele. Americans of Japanese background have made similar contributions to our Nation's growth and development. Yasuo Kuniyoshi is represented in all the major museums and art collections in America. Sessue Hayakawa was one of the few big names in "silent movies" to make the successful transition to "talkies." Other Asian/Pacific American communities have produced doctors, lawyers, social workers, and businessmen.

The assimilation of Asian/Pacific Americans into our society deserves the special recognition provided for in this legislation. It is a positive step toward ethnic cohesiveness and understanding. House Joint Resolution 1007 deserves overwhelming support.

Mr. LEHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LEHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1007, as amended.

The question was taken. Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 3 of rule XXVII, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1007) as amended. The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LEHMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1007) as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 360, nays 6, answered "present" 1, not voting 65.

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the joint resolution, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "Joint resolution authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim the 7-day period beginning on May 4, 1979, as 'Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.'"

# ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

## INAUGURAL RECEPTION

### PROGRAM

HONORING THE PRINCIPAL CO-SPONSORS OF THE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

UNITED STATES SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE  
UNITED STATES SENATOR SPARK M. MATSUNAGA

CONGRESSMAN FRANK HORTON  
CONGRESSMAN NORMAN Y. MINETA

CALL TO ORDER ..... MIKE M. MASAOKA, Program Chairman  
NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ..... Conducted by CAPTAIN JAMES M. DANIELSEN  
OPENING REMARKS AND GREETINGS ..... MIKE M. MASAOKA  
REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF  
SPECIAL GUEST ..... THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD,  
MAJORITY LEADER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE  
REMARKS ..... HIS EXCELLENCY MASAYOSHI OHIRA,  
PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN  
SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ..... MIKE M. MASAOKA, assisted by  
MISS NICOLE K. YAMADA  
WELCOME TO AMBASSADORS ..... HIDEKI HAMAMOTO, Chairman  
Washington, D.C. Chapter  
Japanese American Citizens League  
REMARKS ..... HIS EXCELLENCY YONG SHIK KIM,  
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
REMARKS ..... HIS EXCELLENCY EDUARDO Z. ROMUALDEZ,  
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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RESPONSE ..... SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE of Hawaii  
RESPONSE ..... SENATOR SPARK M. MATSUNAGA of Hawaii  
RESPONSE ..... CONGRESSMAN FRANK HORTON of New York  
RESPONSE ..... CONGRESSMAN NORMAN Y. MINETA of California  
SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS  
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... MIKE M. MASAOKA  
CLOSING REMARKS ..... MIKE M. MASAOKA

6:30 p.m.

May 3, 1979

Senate Caucus Room

Russell Senate Office Building

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## Senate

(Legislative day of Wednesday, August 16, 1978)

### ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 1007.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The joint resolution will be stated by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1007) authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim the 7-day period beginning on May 4, 1979, as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week".

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be considered as having been read the first and second time and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the joint resolution will be considered as having been read twice by its title.

Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Joint Resolution 72, authorizing the President to proclaim annually a week during the first 10 days of May as "Pacific/Asian American Heritage Week."

Throughout the United States, over 4 million Americans trace their ancestry to Asia and the Pacific Islands. Yet even though these individuals constitute a significant minority group, most Americans are unaware of the history of Pacific and Asian Americans in the United States, and their contributions to our Nation's cultural heritage.

The history of Pacific and Asian Americans is a history of proud accomplishments and triumph over adversity. Through their labor, Chinese Americans helped build the Nation's transcontinental rail system, and made major contributions to the growth of farming and

agriculture. Native Hawaiians developed the first constitutional monarchy in the Pacific, and were deeply involved in the American whaling enterprises of the 19th century. In the Second World War, the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442d Regimental Combat Team, composed of Japanese-American volunteers, became the most decorated unit in the U.S. military history.

As individuals, Pacific and Asian Americans have brought honor and distinction to the United States. In 1957, Chinese Americans Chen Ning Yang and Tsung Dao Lee received international recognition as recipients of the Nobel Prize in physics. Dr. Thomas Noguchi, the Los Angeles County Coroner, is a nationally known figure in forensic medicine. In the arts, both Minoru Yamasaki and I. M. Pei, architect of the new East Building of the National Gallery of Art, have received international acclaim. In sports, from my home State of Hawaii, Duke Kahanamoku, a native Hawaiian, won fame for winning gold medals in swimming at the 1932 Olympics, and this fall, U.S.C. football fans will cheer the exploits of Samoan-born Mosi Tatupu, now a resident of Hawaii. In politics, four Asian-Americans have been elected to the U.S. Senate—former Senator Hiram L. Fong and Senators DANIEL K. INOUE, SAMUEL I. HAYAKAWA and myself. Congressmen NORMAN MINETA and DANIEL AKAKA presently serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, while Patsy Mink, a former Congresswoman, recently served briefly as an Assistant Secretary of State. George Ariyoshi is the only Governor of a State in the Union who is of Asian ancestry.

Mr. President, the purpose of the resolution before this body is twofold. First, it seeks to foster an increased national awareness of the history and contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans, and second, it is intended to imbue a renewed sense of pride among our citizens of Pacific and Asian ancestry. In this regard, the pending resolution is consistent with prior congressional actions, designating a Hispanic Heritage Week and setting aside February as

Black History Month.

The dates designated in the resolution are particularly significant. May 7, 1979 will mark the 136th anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese who immigrated to America. May 10, 1979 will be the 110th anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike, signifying the contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our American way of life.

Mr. President, I believe that as a nation of citizens of diverse backgrounds, we become more American by developing a keener sense of appreciation of our ethnic heritage. Therefore, Mr. President, I urge the adoption of the resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The joint resolution is open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was read the third time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The joint resolution having been read the third time, the question is, Shall it pass?

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1007) was passed.

## THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CREED



I AM proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please—as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America. —Mike M. Masaoka

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In memory of the sacrifices Asian Americans  
have made in defense of their country  
a wreath will be laid by

Congressman Robert T. Matsui  
at the Tomb of the Unknown  
Arlington National Cemetery

May 6, 1979

1 p.m.