

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

Reps. Brixie, Coleman, Haadsma, Kuppa, Elder, Kennedy, Brenda Carter, Wittenberg, Hoadley, Witwer, Garza, LaGrand, Shannon, Garrett, Guerra, Camilleri, Stone, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Cherry, Gay-Dagnogo, Hertel, Warren, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Hood, Hope, Cynthia Johnson, Jones, Liberati, Pagan, Sneller, Sowerby and Webber offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2019 as Asian Pacific American
2 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan is fortunate to be home to more
4 than 300,000 residents of Asian and Pacific Island descent; and

5 Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans comprise one of the fastest
6 growing populations in both the state and the nation. In fact, the
7 largest growing population in Michigan, according to the 2010 U.S.
8 Census; and



1 Whereas, The Asian and Pacific Island regions are tremendously
2 diverse, with more than thirty countries, sixteen major ethnic
3 groups, nine languages, and numerous belief systems bringing their
4 culture to Michigan; and

5 Whereas, Citizens of Asian and Pacific Island descent, in each
6 generation, from the laborers who connected our coasts one-and-a-
7 half centuries ago, to the patriots who fought overseas while their
8 families were interned at home, these patriotic Americans have
9 enhanced our culture, quality of life, and economic vitality
10 through leadership, commitments to knowledge and advancement, and
11 dedication to their communities; and

12 Whereas, The state of Michigan and the United States of
13 America have been enriched by the contributions of Asian Pacific
14 Americans in all facets of life, including the arts, sciences,
15 business, education, and philanthropy. Michigan has recognized the
16 contribution Asian Pacific Americans and other immigrants make to
17 our economy with the establishment of the Michigan Office for New
18 Americans; and

19 Whereas, The culture and contributions of our Asian and
20 Pacific Island residents will continue to grow in significance as
21 more Asian Pacific Americans choose to make Michigan their home and
22 as our economy becomes increasingly intertwined with the economies
23 throughout Asia; and

24 Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans, through advocating issues of
25 justice and equality, continue to break down the barriers of
26 discrimination, indifference, and intolerance, thereby opening
27 doors for all Asian Pacific Americans; and

28 Whereas, Asian Pacific American residents are proudly served
29 in Michigan by many dedicated organizations, including the Michigan

1 Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, the Asian Pacific
2 American Chamber of Commerce, the Council of Asian Pacific
3 Americans, Asian American Citizens for Justice, Asian Center
4 Southeast Michigan and the West Michigan Asian Pacific American
5 Association, APIA Vote - Michigan and the Michigan Asian Pacific
6 American Bar Association; and

7 Whereas, The state of Michigan takes pride in its cultural
8 diversity and welcomes the opportunity to honor our Asian Pacific
9 American residents for their lasting, expanding, imprint upon our
10 state; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare May 2019 as Asian Pacific American
13 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens
14 to celebrate the individual and collective contributions of Asian
15 Pacific Americans to this state and to this country.