

A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 2 TO BE "ASIAN AMERICAN DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, there are over thirty thousand Asians living in
New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Asians in New Mexico come from Afghanistan,
Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Iraq, Iran, Indonesia,
Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan,
Thailand, Tibet and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Asians have worked on the railroads and in
agriculture in New Mexico since the nineteenth century; and

WHEREAS, Asians in New Mexico have fought bravely in
World War I, World War II, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts,
the Gulf War and in Afghanistan and in Iraq and have received
medals of honor, purple hearts and other military
commendations; and

WHEREAS, Asians have contributed greatly to the economy
of New Mexico through their labor, industry, businesses and
purchasing power; and

WHEREAS, Asians are contributing their unique culture,
customs and traditions to the already richly diverse culture
of New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 2, 2005 is declared "Asian

American Day" at the legislature.