

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 2, 2005 is declared "Asian  
25 American Day" at the senate. \_\_\_\_\_