

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT

3 RESOLUTION NO. 1012

By: Munson and Pae of the House

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7 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing May as  
8 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; recognizing  
9 the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in  
10 Oklahoma; and celebrating the contributions of Asian  
11 Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of  
12 Oklahoma and the United States.

13 WHEREAS, May is recognized by the United States Congress as  
14 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, honoring the contributions  
15 and paying tribute to generations of Asian Americans and Pacific  
16 Islanders (AAPI) who have made our state and nation their home; and

17 WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated in  
18 May to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the  
19 United States in May of 1843; and

20 WHEREAS, May also marks the anniversary of the completion of the  
21 transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of those  
22 who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

23 WHEREAS, the Chinese were the first Asian group to settle in  
24 Oklahoma, living in the Guthrie Territory after the Land Run of  
1889; and

1 WHEREAS, the Japanese population quickly grew in Oklahoma in the  
2 1920s and 1940s, and during World War II, several fought for the  
3 United States including four sons of Kutaro Nishimuta, a farmer in  
4 Payne County. His sons served in the U.S. Army 442nd Regimental  
5 Unit, an all-Japanese outfit and one of the most decorated units in  
6 the war; and

7 WHEREAS, nearly three percent of all Oklahomans identify as  
8 Asian American or Pacific Islander, citing origins in Cambodia,  
9 China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine  
10 Islands, Thailand, Vietnam, Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific  
11 Islands; and

12 WHEREAS, Oklahoma City is home to "Little Saigon", the Asian  
13 District made up of the state's largest population of Asian  
14 descendants, predominately Vietnamese. Visitors flock to the  
15 district each year to experience the international cuisine, culture,  
16 and shopping; and

17 WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander citizens have made  
18 a tremendous impact on our state and nation, serving in vital roles  
19 as state and national leaders, starting businesses, making  
20 breakthroughs in science and technology, serving in our military,  
21 excelling in sports, arts, education, and more.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
23 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the month of May is recognized by the Oklahoma State Legislature as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of Oklahoma and the United States.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 1st day of May,  
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate