

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 8 TO BE "ASIAN AMERICAN DAY" AT THE  
3 SENATE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 8, 2007 be declared

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