

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 26 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 are among the fastest growing minority
8 groups in New Mexico; and

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

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

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

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

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 26, 2009 be declared "Asian
American Day" at the senate. _____