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DECLARING FEBRUARY 26 TO BE "ASIAN AMERICAN DAY" AT THE SENATE.

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

WHEREAS, Asians are among the fastest growing minority groups in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Asians in New Mexico come from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Iraq, Iran, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, 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

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1 honor, purple hearts and other military commendations; and
2 WHEREAS, Asians have contributed greatly to the economy of
3 New Mexico through their labor, industry, businesses and
4 purchasing power; and
5 WHEREAS, Asians are contributing their unique culture,
6 customs and traditions to the already richly diverse culture of
7 New Mexico;
8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that February 26, 2009 be declared "Asian
10 American Day" at the senate.