
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 97
Author: Wahab (D)
Introduced: 4/6/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to California, and recognizes May 2026 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.
- 2) California is home to over 7 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and nation.
- 3) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made indelible contributions throughout the history of California and the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars, coorganizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights.
- 4) Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 58 (Wahab, Resolution Chapter 117, Statutes of 2025)
HR 35 (Fong, 2025) – Adopted in Assembly.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/13/26)

None received

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