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Pacific Commission

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^{As shown by public-spirited leaders} And yet, ~~despite exceptions like Spark Matsunaga and others~~ here today, Asian-Americans ^{Pacific are beginning} ~~have yet to excel in~~ ^{the field of} ~~politics to the same degree~~ ^{as} to which they have excelled in every other field.

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AND THAT IS WHY AMERICA MUST STAND FOR MORE THAN MERE MATERIAL SUCCESS. AMERICA MUST REMAIN THE BEACON OF LIBERTY, A LIGHT OF HOPE FOR THE TROUBLED, THE OPPRESSED, THE DOWNTRODDEN.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND KNOW THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO LET A MAN PURCHASE WHAT HE WANTS. HE MUST BE ALLOWED TO SAY WHAT HE BELIEVES. HE MUST BE ALLOWED TO GO WHERE HE WANTS.

HE MUST BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE HIS GOVERNMENT. ECONOMIC FREEDOM ALONE WILL NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR THE RESTLESS HUMAN SPIRIT.

LET US, AS WE CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICANS TO OUR PRECIOUS FREEDOMS, REMEMBER THE RESTLESS MILLIONS WHO REMAIN BEHIND. IN LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION, THEY NEED LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THE SUCCESS OF THEIR GRANDCHILDREN, THEIR CHILDREN, THEIR BROTHERS, SISTERS AND COUSINS WHO FOUND FREEDOM -- IN AMERICA.



AND SO IT IS IN YOUR HONOR THAT I SIGN THIS MEASURE PROCLAIMING THIS TO BE ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

((SIGN PROCLAMATION)) THANK YOU, MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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