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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
DURING SIGNING CEREMONY FOR  
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Rose Garden

11:36 A.M. EDT

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MONDAY, MAY 7, 1990 \ 11:30 A.M.**

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[NA-MA-LEW] FROM PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, YOUR EXCELLENCY;  
SENATORS DANIEL INOUYE AND PHIL GRAMM.  
REPRESENTATIVES PAT SAIKI [SIGH-KEE], NORMAN MINETA,  
BEN BLAZ, BILL BROOMFIELD, JIM LEACH, ENI [ANY]  
FALEOMAVAEGA [FOUL-LAY-O-MA-VA-AYNA] AND ALL THE  
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WITH US TODAY.**

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**AND, FINALLY, LET ME EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO  
CONGRESSMAN FRANK HORTON.**

**FRANK, BECAUSE OF YOUR DILIGENCE IN WORKING WITH SO  
MANY OF YOUR COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS -- AND THE SUPPORT  
OF JEANIE JEW AND RUBY MOY -- WE ESTABLISHED ASIAN-  
PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK. AND NOW I AM PROUD TO  
TAKE ONE MORE STEP AND PROCLAIM THIS MAY TO BE THE  
FIRST ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.**

BUT FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENTLEMAN IN THE SENATE WHO WAS FRANK'S CO-SPONSOR; SOMEONE WHO HAS LEFT US; A GREAT MAN WHO WROTE BOTH HAIKU AND LASTING LEGISLATION WITH THE SAME GRACEFUL FLUENCY -- SENATOR SPARK MATSUNAGA OF HAWAII.\\\ LET TODAY BE HIS DAY.\\\

WE ALSO HAVE WITH US A NUMBER OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN LEADERS FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE: VIRGINIA CHA, I.M. PEI [PAY], DOCTOR TAYLOR WANG [WONG], NANCY KWAN [QUAHN], DOCTOR SAMUEL LEE AND DOCTOR T.D. LEE.

WE ALSO HAVE WITH US TODAY A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED AMBASSADORS. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOVERNOR PETER TALI COLEMAN OF AMERICAN SAMOA AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS AND EVERY MEMBER OF THEIR VERY DISTINGUISHED DELEGATIONS. YOU HAVE COME SO FAR TO BE HERE TODAY. YOUR PRESENCE IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.\\\


I SAID, WE ARE HERE IN LARGE MEASURE BECAUSE OF THE VISION OF FRANK HORTON AND SPARK MATSUNAGA. SPARKY'S BRILLIANT CAREER WAS THE CULMINATION OF A HISTORY THAT BEGAN 146 YEARS AGO WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE ISSEI [EE-SAY], THE FIRST JAPANESE-AMERICANS TO LAND ON THESE SHORES.

NOW PEOPLE FROM ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, FROM DOZENS OF LANDS, ACROSS A BROAD SWATH OF THE WORLD THAT SPANS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO THE PHILIPPINES, HAVE FOUND THIS NEW HOMELAND CALLED AMERICA.

THEY REPRESENT THE WHOLE RANGE OF RELIGIONS: CHRISTIAN, MOSLEM, HINDU AND BUDDHIST. THEY ARE OF ARAB, IRANIAN, INDIAN, KOREAN, OR THAI DESCENT. BUT THEY WILL TELL YOU THAT THEY ARE AMERICANS FIRST.\\\

LOOK AT THE SCOPE OF AMERICA'S DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE. CAMBODIAN, LAOTIAN, AND VIETNAMESE NEIGHBORHOODS FLOURISH JUST ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER. THE MINARET OF A MOSQUE RISES OVER THE SKYLINE OF A DALLAS SUBURB.

THE STUDENT BODY OF A SCHOOL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS MADE UP OF ALMOST ENTIRELY Hmong [MONG] CHILDREN. PACIFIC ISLANDERS HAVE ENRICHED THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF ORANGE COUNTY. FILIPINOS HAVE CALLED AMERICA HOME SINCE THE FIRST SON OF THE PHILIPPINES ARRIVED ON THESE SHORES IN 1763. ALL OF THESE ARE SUBTLE SIGNS THAT ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS ARE OUR FASTEST GROWING MINORITY POPULATION. THEY ARE CHANGING AMERICA, AND THEY ARE CHANGING AMERICA FOR THE BETTER.



SOME ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS COME FROM FAMILIES THAT HAVE LIVED IN AMERICA FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. OTHERS HAVE LITERALLY JUST ARRIVED BY BOAT OR JUMBO JET. BUT ALL CAN RELY ON STRONG COMMUNITIES, NETWORKS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, OFTEN WITH THE SUPPORT OF A CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE, MOSQUE OR TEMPLE.

SO WHATEVER THEIR BACKGROUND, ALL ENJOY STRONG COMMUNITIES.

THESE SEVEN MILLION AMERICANS SHOW US AN EXAMPLE OF HOW STRONG FAMILIES CAN INSTILL AN ABIDING RESPECT FOR THE LAW, TENACITY IN THE ENDEAVOR OF LIFE AND WORK, AND MOST OF ALL -- EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

CONSIDER THIS: THE LAST U.S. CENSUS SHOWED THAT 75 PERCENT OF ASIAN-AMERICANS AGED 25 AND OVER HAD A LEAST A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE -- WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 66 PERCENT.

THIS NATION IS INCOMPARABLY RICHER BECAUSE OF GREAT SCIENTISTS LIKE NOBEL PRIZE-WINNER DR. YUAN LEE AND THE LATE AN [AHN] WANG. WE ARE RICHER BECAUSE OF THE TALENT OF MICHAEL CHANG, AND THE COURAGE OF THE LATE ELLISON ONIZUKA. AND WE ARE RICHER BECAUSE OF ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN LEADERS, MANY WITH US TODAY.

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**AND, AS AMERICA LOOKS TOWARD THE PACIFIC IN THE CENTURY AHEAD, WE WILL NEED YOUR INSIGHTS AND YOUR LEADERSHIP AS NEVER BEFORE.**

**YOU KNOW THAT THE FUTURE OF EUROPE HAS BEEN VERY MUCH ON MY MIND OF LATE. BUT AMERICA'S DESTINY IS ALSO TIED TO THE PACIFIC RIM. I HAVE LIVED IN ASIA. AND I KNOW THAT THE FATE OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IS NO LESS IMPORTANT TO AMERICA THAN THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.\\ \\**

**WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE CHANGES IN EASTERN EUROPE AND BY THE RISE OF DEMOCRACY IN OUR HEMISPHERE, BUT WE WILL NOT NEGLECT ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.**

**MY ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING OPEN TRADE AND FIGHTING PROTECTIONISM, SO THAT THE ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ASIA CAN CONTINUE TO GROW. LIKE ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES, THESE NATIONS ARE A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF SELF-INITIATIVE.**

**WITH TIME, WE WILL CREATE A TRUE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS SURROUNDING THE PACIFIC RIM, BOUND TOGETHER BY COMMERCE, A SHARED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, AND AN ABIDING FRIENDSHIP.**

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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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On the dais:

**Dr. Taylor G. Wang** (Tennessee), Director of Center for Microgravity Research and Applications, Vanderbilt University. Flew on the seven-member crew Challenger (Spacelab-3 STS 51) mission, April 29-May 5, 1985.

**Virginia Cha** (Maryland), 1989 Miss Maryland and Miss America First Runner Up. 1986 graduate of Princeton University and Fulbright Scholar.

**I.M. Pei** (New York), Architect. Design principal of, among others, the National Gallery of Art/East Building (Washington), Texas Commerce Tower/United Energy Plaza (Houston) and Le Grand Louvre (Paris).

**THE PRESIDENT**

**Dr. Samuel Lee** (California), Gold medalist (High Platform Diving) at 1948 London and 1952 Helsinki Olympics. First American born Asian to win diving medal.

**Nancy Kwan**, (California), Actress. Starred in dozens of movies and TV series including "The World of Suzie Wong," "The Flower Drum Song" and James Clavell's "Noble House".

**Dr. T. D. Lee** (New York), University Professor and Enrico Fermi Professor of Physics, Columbia University. 1957 Nobel Prize in Physics (with C.N. Yang) for the discovery of parity nonconservation.

Reserved seats:

Prime Minister Rabbie Namaliu of Papua New Guinea

**Members of Congress (invited):**

Senator Pell  
Senator Helms  
Senator Gramm  
Senator Wilson  
Senator Inouye  
Senator Akaka  
Senator Cranston  
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Congressman Horton  
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**Governors:**

Gov. Peter Tali Coleman, American Samoa  
Mrs. Nora K. Coleman  
Mr. Ace A. Tago, Treasurer, American Samoa  
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**Australia**

Michael Cook

**Bangladesh**

A.H.S. Ataul Karim

**Brunei**

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Margaret Taylor

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Emmanuel Pelaez

**Sri Lanka**

W. Susanta de Alwis

**Thailand**

Vitthya Vejjajiva

**Western Samoa**

Tuaopepe Fili Wendt

**Members of the Administration:**

Elaine Chao, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

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REPRESENTATIVES PAT SAIKI [SIGH-KEE], NORMAN MINETA,  
BEN BLAZ, BILL BROOMFIELD, JIM LEACH, ENI [ANY]  
FALEOMAVAEGA [FOUL-LAY-O-MA-VA-AYNA] AND ALL THE  
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**CONSIDER THIS: THE LAST U.S. CENSUS SHOWED THAT 75 PERCENT OF ASIAN-AMERICANS AGED 25 AND OVER HAD A LEAST A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE -- WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 66 PERCENT.**

**THIS NATION IS INCOMPARABLY RICHER BECAUSE OF GREAT SCIENTISTS LIKE NOBEL PRIZE-WINNER DR. YUAN LEE AND THE LATE AN [AHN] WANG. WE ARE RICHER BECAUSE OF THE TALENT OF MICHAEL CHANG, AND THE COURAGE OF THE LATE ELLISON ONIZUKA. AND WE ARE RICHER BECAUSE OF ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN LEADERS, MANY WITH US TODAY.**

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

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
 Assistant to the President  
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 Ext. 2702

Davis/Martin  
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From: MARK DAVIS *MD*  
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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month  
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For eleven years, Presidents have honored and recognized Asian Pacific Americans by designating one week every May as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Week." In 1978, Congress issued a spartan one-paragraph Joint Resolution, asking Americans, "especially the educational community, to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

This statement was, perhaps, an appropriate measure of mainstream America's understanding of the Asian Pacific American community. Numbering less than 4 million, and residing in close-knit communities on the West Coast, most Americans were ambivalent toward or ignorant of Asian Americans. Not surprisingly, for purposes of the 1980 Census, Washington offered Asian Pacific Americans the choice of describing themselves as "white", "black," "of Hispanic origin," or "other race."

Offered these choices, Asian Pacific Americans reluctantly selected "other race." Reluctantly, because it described us by what we were **not**, as opposed to what we **were**. How could we expect ordinary Americans to recognize our heritage and contributions when we were lumped as "other" Americans.

Chris :

This is a speech that I'll be making throughout May at various Asian events.

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Well, in the short period of time since the first cursory proclamation and the 1980 census, the Asian Pacific American community has changed in fundamental ways.

First and foremost, "other" Americans have been growing faster than any other segment of the population. In the last decade, America's Asian population grew from 3.8 (4) to 6.8 (7) million people, from 1.7 (2) percent of total population to 2.8 (3) percent. By the year 2000, these "other" Americans will number 10 million and constitute 4 percent of all Americans.

But beyond these impressive statistics, lie incredible changes within the Asian and Pacific American Community. For example:

- o Cultural diversity. As recently as the 1970s, the community was almost exclusively composed of three ethnic groups: Chinese, Filipino, and Japanese. Immigration patterns and refugee admissions since have altered this mix, adding substantial numbers of Asian Indians, Cambodians, Hmong, Koreans, Laotians, Pakistanis and Vietnamese.
- o Assimilation into mainstream society. With an emphasis on learning, family and the work ethic, many Asian immigrants have achieved in one generation what used to take earlier European immigrants two or three generations. Indeed, according to Census data, Japanese Americans and Asian Indians now possess higher average family income than all other ethnic groups, including whites.
- o Dispersion across America. Once located in California, Hawaii and a few other states, Asian communities have taken root all across the country. Washington, for example, has its own vibrant Chinatown a few blocks from the White House, while across the Potomac River in Arlington is a thriving Southeast Asian district. These new communities are exposing more Americans than ever to Asian Pacific American cultures.

Taken together, these facts speak volumes about the enormous strides Asian Pacific Americans have made in only one or two decades.

At last year's proclamation signing ceremony in the Rose Garden, President Bush told leading Asian Pacific Americans what they undoubtedly already knew: that their success was due to the values that had sustained them for generations. He said that, "Those values are, of course, discipline and self-sacrifice, humility and compassion, an abiding belief in work, a soaring love of freedom -- values which brought your parents, your grandparents, and some of you, right here to America."

Perhaps no President has ever known Asia and Asian Pacific Americans better than George Bush. For almost fifty years -- beginning in the Second World War when he served in the Pacific as the Navy's youngest pilot -- President Bush has been interacting with the peoples and cultures of Asia. His experience as Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in China, and as Congressman, Ambassador to the U.N., CIA Director, Vice President and President of the United States gives him more knowledge of Asia than any other President or national leader in history. And, as President, he has translated this knowledge into important recognition of Asian Pacific Americans through political appointments, foreign policy and domestic programs.

First, he has appointed more Asians to top management and advisory roles in his Administration than any other President in history. He has appointed the first Asian American as an ambassador and the first deputy secretary of a Cabinet department. Additionally, Asian Pacific Americans hold positions in the White House and dozens more perform important roles elsewhere in the Bush Administration.

Secondly, on foreign policy matters, he has maintained and strengthened America's close economic and strategic relations with Asia and the Pacific. He resisted domestic pressure to severely curtail American influence in Beijing. He has made progress towards a diplomatically negotiated, comprehensive settlement in Cambodia, and has steadfastly supported democratically elected governments in the Philippines and Pakistan. Equally important, he has achieved real progress in making Japan fulfill its obligations as the world's second largest economy. And, by cooperating with Moscow on arms control and verification and regional conflicts, the Administration has played a pivotal role in reducing conflict and tension throughout the world.

Third, the President has proposed several major domestic programs which will improve the quality of life for all Americans. Of particular interest to Asian Americans are:

- o Child care legislation currently pending in the Senate will provide a new refundable child care tax credit per child. By avoiding additional bureaucratic structures, giving parents the freedom to select child care of their choice, and not discriminating against religious- and family-based child care, this legislation will encourage competition and quality in child care services.
- o To promote risk taking and entrepreneurship, the President will again propose a cut in the top capital gains tax to 15 percent. This cut would encourage the formation of new businesses, reduce the cost of capital to businesses, and encourage a long-term focus for America's investors and savers.
- o Education reform. At the historic education summit in Charlottesville seven months ago, the President and the nation's governors agreed to sweeping reforms of America's education system. In particular, they established six national performance goals to be achieved by the year 2000: all children in America must start school ready to learn; the high school graduation rate must increase to 90 percent; competency through testing in grades four, eight, and twelve in core subjects must be demonstrated; U.S. students must be first in the world in science and mathematics achievement; every adult must be literate; and every school must be violence- and drug-free. Huge goals, but perhaps never has there been a greater national consensus on the need to improve our educational system and make the U.S. internationally competitive.

Last but not least, President Bush is extending the traditional one week celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage to a month long observance. In recognition of the many contributions that Asian Pacific Americans have made to this great nation of ours, the President will sign/sign on May 7 (seven is a lucky number) a proclamation designating May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. As we head into the 21st century, we shall point out with pride that the President recognizes the talents and

abilities of our Asian and Pacific brothers and sisters ten years ahead of time.

Asian and Pacific Americans, who traditionally have looked to self-help, education, hard work, and family rather than government to solve problems and improve living standards, stand to benefit greatly from the President's programs.

However, all is not perfect with the Asian Pacific American community, and I want to talk briefly about this before closing. Despite our successes in America, problems persist. For example, not all Asian Americans are doing well. Many recent immigrants are refugees from the warfare and privation of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Basically untrained, uneducated and with little working knowledge of English, many fall between the cracks when they arrive here. They perform low-paying and dead-end jobs.

Equally disturbing is the lack of political power Asian Americans wield in America. Two main reasons account for this. First, Asian characteristics of unassertiveness, humility and patience may conform to cultural norms in Asia, but are a liability in the United States, where competing groups fiercely fight for their part of the pie. These Asian qualities manifest themselves most visibly in the voting booth, where we do not turn out in sufficiently large numbers. Time magazine recently noted a 1986 study of Southern California voters showing that only 30 percent

of Asian voters registered to vote, compared with 80 percent of whites. For whatever reasons, this diminishes our collective clout and isolates us from mainstream politics.

Secondly, Asian Pacific Americans are not a heterogeneous group. Technically, Asian and Pacific Americans are those who have roots in a region of the world that is "west of Israel, south of the North Pole, north of the South Pole and west of the United States." They do not share one culture, language, religion, history or tradition. They eat different food, wear different clothing and live in different housing styles. Little unites, for example, a Chinese restaurateur with a Filipina nurse, or a Korean grocer with a Hmong farmer.

While cultural differences should be preserved and celebrated, Asian Pacific American groups need to unite and organize to protect and advance shared interests, for example, to promote quality day care and education for your children, to fight acts of discrimination or racism, to gain access to government employment or programs, to elect local and state leaders, to influence national policy, even to protect cultural identities.

Over two hundred years ago, thirteen British colonies united against unjust rule for many of the same reasons. The slave-owning, agricultural South... the mercantile, rapidly industrializing North... Catholic Maryland... Quaker

Massachusetts... undeveloped Georgia... They shared little except a desire for home rule and representational democracy. We should be able to overcome our differences and protect our interests in the same manner.

Organize and vote: a simple tactic scores of immigrant groups previously have used to lift themselves out of poverty and discrimination and into mainstream America. As Asian Pacific Americans celebrate their heritage and culture during May, we need to think about becoming more involved in the political process at all levels. We must translate our successes in various areas, especially in business and education, into political activism. This is perhaps our greatest task today, and our greatest opportunity. You and I together, we must work to achieve this important goal. Although we are all American first, and everything else second, those of us who have roots in Asia and the Pacific have a key role to play in maintaining America's leadership into the Pacific Century which will then be known as the **"Next American Century."**

Thank you very much. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America!

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On the dais with the President:

Virginia Cha, Miss Maryland

I.M. Pei, Architect

Dr. Taylor Wang, Astronaut

Greg Louganis, Olympic swimmer

Dr. Samuel Lee, former Olympic swimming medalist

Dr. T. D. Lee, Nobel Prize winning physicist

Prime Minister and Mrs. Namalin, Papua New Guinea

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Zulfiqar Ali Khan, Pakistan

Lalit Mansingh, India

W. Susanta de Alwis, Sri Lanka

Michael Cook, Australia

Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad Suni bin Haji Idris, Brunei

U. Myo Aung, Burma

Zhu Qizhen, China

Abdul H. Yusuf, Fiji

A.S. Achjadi, Deputy Chief of Mission, Indonesia

Ryohei Murata, Japan

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Senator Wilson  
Senator Inouye  
Senator Akaka  
Senator Cranston  
Senator Murkowski  
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The Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Washington Representative,  
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