

took the important step of introducing and working to pass a bill to designate each May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, in perpetuity. His bill eventually became Public Law 102-450 on October 23, 1992. This was a single, important step to demonstrate the support of the Congress for a community that has always been a vital part of our Nation's heritage.

Historians note that the first Asians or Pacific Islanders to set foot on the continental United States were Filipinos manning Spanish galleons that sought to explore the new land in the 1500s. Filipino sailors later, in the 1700s, founded the first AAPI communities in the Louisiana bayous, using names such as Manila Village and Bayou Cholas. The first Japanese arrived on May 7, 1843, and others in 1869 attempted to establish the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony, in order to grow mulberries, tangerines, grapes, and tea. Chinese adventurers joined other gold-seekers in northern California in the 1800s, establishing the now-famous Chinatown in San Francisco in the 1850s, and working toward the establishment of the first transcontinental railroad—marked by Golden Spike Day, May 10, 1869. Of course, before all of this took place, the indigenous peoples most known to me, the Native Hawaiians, established a vibrant society, living and working the lands from roughly the 1200s on what was to become the 50th State in our precious Union. Prior to western contact, the Native Hawaiians lived in an advanced society steeped in science. The many other peoples in what is known now as the collective AAPI community have their own fascinating stories to tell about their first adventures and long heritage in America.

Advancing through history to come to the present, the AAPI community has grown so much from our years of "firsts" that it now numbers about 13.5 million—12.5 million Asians and almost one million Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders. Together, AAPIs make up roughly 4.7 percent of the population. Even with this growth in overall size, we have remained inclusive of our various cultures and celebrated the positives among our differences as well as lauded our similarities. Indeed, my colleagues can certainly describe their favorite Korean, Thai, or Indian restaurants, or strive to distinguish one of our many languages from another, while acknowledging the major significance we collectively assign to educational access and attainment, service to the communities we live in, and deep-rooted family values. It is also prudent to note that AAPIs together continue to strive toward eliminating civil injustice and increasing our political involvement and participation in government, while looking to care for individuals in our community who deny the stereotype of AAPIs as a "model minority"—those who are not faring as well as others and continue to live below the poverty level or fail to

reach their full potential in school or in the workforce. It is not only for AAPIs but for all of us in this great country that I firmly believe that our individual identification and knowledge of our cultures of origin strengthen us when we come together as Americans. It is out of our many, glorious parts that we come together to make one shining whole. Thus, the celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month truly is about all of us.

I urge my colleagues to support me in this resolution.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 544. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DODD, and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

SA 545. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 546. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 549. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 550. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 551. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 553. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 554. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 555. Mr. GRASSLEY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 556. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. CORZINE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 557. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 558. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 559. Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 560. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 561. Mr. DASCHLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 564. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 565. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 566. Mr. BREAUX submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 567. Mr. BIDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 568. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 569. Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. THOMAS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 570. Mr. BAUCUS proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 571. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 572. Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 573. Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 575. Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 576. Mr. DASCHLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 577. Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 578. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DODD) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 579. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 583. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 584. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 585. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 586. Mr. BROWBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 587. Mr. JEFFORDS proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 588. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 589. Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 590. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 591. Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 592. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 593. Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 594. Mr. GRASSLEY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 595. Mr. HARKIN proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 596. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 597. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 598. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 599. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 600. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 601. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 602. Mr. BYRD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 603. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 604. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 605. Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 606. Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 607. Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. CHAFEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 608. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 611. Mr. CONRAD proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 612. Mr. BAUCUS (for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 613. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 614. Ms. STABENOW proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 615. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 617. Mr. GRAHAM of Florida proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 618. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 619. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 620. Ms. LANDRIEU proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 621. Ms. LANDRIEU proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

SA 622. Mr. ENSIGN proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1054, supra.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 544.** Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY,

Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DODD, and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1054, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

#### **TITLE—UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** **Subtitle A—Extension and Enhancement of** **Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation**

#### **SEC. 01. EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT OF 2002.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 208 of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-147; 116 Stat. 30), as amended by Public Law 108-1 (117 Stat. 3), is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “before June 1” and inserting “on or before November 30”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “May 31, 2003” and inserting “November 30, 2003”;

(3) in subsection (b)(2)—

(A) in the heading, by striking “MAY 31, 2003” and inserting “NOVEMBER 30, 2003”; and

(B) by striking “May 31, 2003” and inserting “November 30, 2003”; and

(4) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “August 30, 2003” and inserting “February 28, 2004”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-147; 116 Stat. 21).

#### **SEC. 02. ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.**

(a) ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL WEEKS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 203(b) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-147; 116 Stat. 28) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “50 percent” and inserting “100 percent”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “13 times” and inserting “26 times”.

(2) REPEAL OF RESTRICTION ON AUGMENTATION DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.—Section 208(b) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-147), as amended by Public Law 108-1 (117 Stat. 3) and section 01(a), is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “paragraphs (2) and (3)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

(ii) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including such compensation payable by reason of amounts deposited in such account after such date pursuant to the application of subsection (c) of such section”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

(3) EXTENSION OF TRANSITION LIMITATION.—Section 208(b)(2) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-147), as amended by Public Law 108-1 (117 Stat. 3) and section 01(a)(4) and as redesignated by paragraph (2), is amended by striking “February 28, 2004” and inserting “May 29, 2004”.

(4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT FOR AUGMENTED BENEFITS.—Section 203(c)(1) of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-147; 116 Stat. 28) is amended by striking “the amount originally established in such account (as determined under subsection (b)(1))” and inserting “7 times the individual’s average weekly benefit amount for the benefit year”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to