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Senate Resolution 23.06

(Stating the sentiments of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Student Senate regarding the formal dedication of an Asian Heritage Appreciation Day.)

WHEREAS, the Asian population is complex and encompasses nearly 20 million people who trace their roots to over 20 countries from various geographical regions including Middle East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Continental Asia; and,

WHEREAS, Texas has the third largest Asian American population in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Asian population contributes to 10% of undergraduate and 25% of graduate students at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Asian population of students provide unique and notable contributions to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center due to their heritage; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Values-Based Culture promotes an environment that embraces and celebrates the many cultures represented within the institution; and,

WHEREAS, Asian Heritage Appreciation Day will represent the interest of students, faculty and staff of Asian origin; and,

WHEREAS, Asian Heritage Appreciation Day will welcome new students, faculty and staff to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; and,

WHEREAS, Asian Heritage Appreciation Day will strengthen relationships, fellowship and networking among students, faculty and staff of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center value of "One Team" strives to unite and include diverse perspectives in order to achieve the mission of the institution; and,

WHEREAS, Asian Heritage Appreciation Day will raise awareness of Asian culture and art at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and integrate the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Asian community with the West Texas Culture; and,

WHEREAS, A day is not currently dedicated to recognize the Asian population at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center formally dedicates the first Wednesday of every April as Asian Heritage Appreciation Day to acknowledge and celebrate Asian culture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Lori Rice-Spearman Ph.D.**, President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; **Darrin D'Agostino, D.O., MPH, MBA**, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; **Jody Randall, Ed.D.**, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer; **Matt Hernandez, M.Ed.**, Director of Institutional Diversity; **Michelle Ensminger**, TTUHSC Office of Global Health Director, **Erin Justyna, Ph.D.**, TTUHSC Associate Provost for Student Affairs; **Doris Hereford**, M. Ed. Director, Student Diversity and Inclusion; **Arianna Flores**, Editor-in-Chief of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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