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WHEREAS, with their talent, spirit, teamwork, and sportsmanship, the all-stars from Vienna American Little League brilliantly represented the Town of Vienna and the Commonwealth throughout the summer of 2001; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Vienna American Little League major all-star team on their 2001 state championship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Manager Bill Murphy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration of the outstanding success of the Vienna American all-stars.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Designating May in 2002 and in each succeeding year as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 4, 2002

Agreed to by the Senate, February 28, 2002

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans, representing a wealth of languages, ethnicities, and cultural traditions, have enriched immeasurably the social and cultural diversity of the Commonwealth and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans are one of the fastest growing segments of the American population, increasing in number from fewer than 1.5 million in 1970 to more than 10.5 million in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans have succeeded in government, business, technology, and the arts, vastly enriching the cultural landscape of Virginia and the nation; and

WHEREAS, diversity is one of Virginia's greatest strengths, and recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans emphasizes the importance of inclusion in the well-being of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation, the President of the United States proclaimed May 2001 as national Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate May in 2002 and in each succeeding year as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly urge the citizens of the Commonwealth to use this occasion to reflect on the manifold contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans to the success, richness, and prosperity of Virginia.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Designating September 11, in 2002 and each succeeding year as Virginia Police, Fire, and Rescue Services Memorial Day.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 2002

Agreed to by the Senate, February 28, 2002

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists launched an inexcusable attack on the United States, causing great destruction and horrible human suffering in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the attack had a devastating effect in Virginia, home of the Pentagon and of many of the personnel, military and civilian, who served there; and

WHEREAS, many of Virginia's police, fire, and rescue personnel were involved in rescue and recovery efforts at the Pentagon, working long hours in grim conditions to rescue survivors, stabilize the building, and aid in recovery; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the Commonwealth, Virginia's police, fire, and rescue personnel have been prepared to respond to all manner of emergencies, and many have given their lives to protect their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that on the anniversary each year of the terrorist attacks on the United States, which led to the loss of so many police, fire, and rescue personnel in New York, that Virginia honor the members of its police, fire, and rescue services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate September 11, in 2002 and in each succeeding year as Virginia Police, Fire, and Rescue Services Memorial Day; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly urge all Virginians to take appropriate measures each September 11 to honor the memories of those police, fire, and rescue personnel who have given their lives to protect the lives of others.