

House Resolution 1172

By: Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Pak of the 102nd, Coomer of the 14th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Benfield of the 85th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 9, 2012, as Georgia Asian Pacific American Day at the capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is fortunate to be home to more than 314,467 residents of
4 Asian Pacific American descent; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, the Asian Pacific American
6 community is one of the fastest growing and most diverse populations in the United States,
7 composed of over 45 distinct ethnicities and over 28 language groups in the community; and

8 WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Island regions are tremendously diverse, with more than
9 30 countries, 15 major ethnic groups, nine languages, and numerous belief systems bringing
10 their culture to Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, citizens of Asian Pacific American descent in the State of Georgia, in each
12 generation, have enhanced the culture, quality of life, and economic vitality through
13 leadership, commitments to knowledge and advancement, and dedication to their
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the United States of America have been enriched by
16 the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to all facets of life, including arts, sciences,
17 politics, governmental affairs, business, education, and philanthropy; and

18 WHEREAS, the culture and contributions of Asian Pacific American residents will continue
19 to grow in significance as more Asian Pacific Americans choose to make Georgia their home
20 and as the United States economy becomes increasingly united with the economies
21 throughout Asia; and

22 WHEREAS, through advocating issues of justice and equality, Georgia Asian Pacific
23 Americans continue to break down the barriers of discrimination, indifferences, and
24 intolerance, thereby opening doors for all Asian Pacific Americans; and

25 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the leadership of the Legislative Day Advisory
26 Committee: Natasha Patel, WooiYi Yin, Alfred Yin, Louis Tsang, Ketan Shah, Kate Kim,
27 Tricia Sung, Faroog Mughal, Garry Guan, Josephine Tan, Baoky Vu, Lani Wong, and Sunny
28 Park; and

29 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia takes pride in its cultural diversity and welcomes the
30 opportunity to honor its Asian Pacific American residents for their lasting, expanding imprint
31 upon its state.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body encourage all citizens to celebrate the individual and collective
34 contributions of Georgia Asian Pacific Americans to the State of Georgia and to the United
35 States of America and recognize February 9, 2012, as Asian Pacific American Day at the
36 capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Legislative Day
39 Advisory Committee of Georgia Asian Pacific American Day.