

## House Resolution 1814

By: Representatives Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas of the 100<sup>th</sup>, Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Kiran Ahuja; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Kiran Ahuja is a graduate of Spelman College and the University of  
3 Georgia School of Law; and
- 4 WHEREAS, following law school, she was chosen as one of five Honors Programs trial  
5 attorneys for the civil rights division of the United States Department of Justice, where she  
6 litigated education-related discrimination cases and filed the department's first peer-on-peer  
7 student racial harassment lawsuit and participated in the division's National Origin Working  
8 Group as part of a core group of attorneys who organized response efforts for the division  
9 after the terrorist attacks on September 11; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was appointed Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian  
11 Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) in 2009, where she is responsible for directing the  
12 efforts of the White House Initiative and the Presidential Advisory Commission on AAPIs  
13 to advise federal agency leadership on the implementation and coordination of federal  
14 programs as they relate to AAPIs across executive departments and agencies; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Ms. Ahuja has dedicated herself for almost 20 years to improving the lives of  
16 women of color in the United States; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she is a well-known leader among national and grassroots AAPI and women's  
18 rights organizations and served as the founding executive director of the National Asian  
19 Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) from 2003 to 2008; and
- 20 WHEREAS, through her leadership, Ms. Ahuja built NAPAWF from an all-volunteer  
21 organization to one with a paid professional staff who continue to spearhead successful  
22 policy and education initiatives, expanded NAPAWF's volunteer chapters and memberships,

23 and organized a strong and vibrant network of AAPI women community leaders across the  
24 country; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 remarkable and distinguished woman be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Ms. Kiran Ahuja for her efficient, effective, unselfish,  
29 and dedicated public service to her country.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Kiran Ahuja.