

House Resolution 471

By: Representatives Pak of the 108th, Marin of the 96th, Jones of the 47th, O`Neal of the 146th,
Abrams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the contributions of Georgia Asian Americans and Pacific
2 Islanders and recognizing February 28, 2013, as Georgia Asian Americans and Pacific
3 Islanders Legislative Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is fortunate to be home to more than 314,000 residents of
5 Asian American and Pacific Islander descent; and

6 WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders comprise one of the fastest-growing
7 populations in both the state and the nation; in fact, they are the largest-growing population
8 in Georgia according to the 2010 U.S. Census; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, the Asian American and Pacific
10 Islander community is one of the fastest-growing and most diverse populations in the United
11 States, composed of over 45 distinct ethnicities and over 28 language groups in the
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Island regions are tremendously diverse; with more than
14 30 countries, 16 major ethnic groups, nine languages, and numerous belief systems bringing
15 their culture to Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, citizens of Asian American and Pacific Islander descent in the State of Georgia,
17 in each generation, have enhanced our culture, quality of life, and economic vitality through
18 leadership, commitments to knowledge and advancement, and dedication to their
19 communities; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia takes pride in its cultural diversity and welcomes the
25 opportunity to honor our Asian American and Pacific Islander residents for their lasting,
26 expanding imprint upon our state.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body encourage all citizens to celebrate the individual and collective
29 contributions of Georgia Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the State of Georgia and
30 to the United States of America and recognize February 28, 2013, as Georgia Asian
31 Americans and Pacific Islanders Legislative Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Asian
34 Americans and Pacific Islanders Legislative Steering Committee.