

## House Resolution 1600

By: Representatives Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup> and Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Georgia Asian American Pacific Islander's Task Force; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Asian American Pacific Islander community represents a large segment of  
3 the population of the State of Georgia and contributes significantly to the economic  
4 well-being and cultural richness of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, Asian American Pacific Islanders are one of the fastest growing groups in  
6 Georgia and the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia is committed to understanding the community, economic, social,  
8 health, and educational needs and issues that are important to the Asian American Pacific  
9 Islander population in this state; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia is interested in advancing the role that Asian American Pacific  
11 Islanders play in the governance of this state at local, state, and federal levels.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 there is created the Georgia Asian American Pacific Islander's Task Force to consist of 12  
14 members to be appointed as follows: two members shall be appointed by the Governor,  
15 selected from among the citizens of Georgia; one member shall be appointed by the Speaker  
16 of the House of Representatives; one member shall be appointed by the Speaker Pro Tempore  
17 of the House of Representatives; one member shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;  
18 one member shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; one member  
19 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; one member shall be appointed by  
20 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; one member shall be appointed by the  
21 Attorney General; one member shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Labor; one  
22 member shall be appointed by the Secretary of State; and one member shall be appointed by  
23 the commissioner of economic development. All members shall be selected from a list of  
24 nominees submitted by interested parties, national ethnic groups, and organizations or

associations representing various nationalities. All public members shall be appointed for a term of two years and shall serve without compensation. The chairperson of the task force shall be selected by the membership of the task force. For administrative purposes, the task force shall be coordinated and staffed by the Department of Economic Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall include among its powers and responsibilities the following:

- (1) Developing and coordinating state-wide programs to recognize and maximize the continuing contributions of Asian American Pacific Islanders in Georgia;
- (2) Drawing upon the membership's shared knowledge and expertise in creating activities designed to educate all citizens of Georgia regarding Asian American Pacific Islander issues and culture and to promote the community by celebrating the great religious, ethnic, and racial diversity within this state;
- (3) Developing policies to improve the economic, social, health, and educational needs important to the Asian American Pacific Islander community in Georgia;
- (4) Increasing awareness among Asian American Pacific Islanders regarding governmental affairs and community and social service resources that may benefit Asian American Pacific Islander individuals and the community as a whole; and
- (5) Meeting no less than quarterly and providing an annual report to the Governor and the legislature of its findings, outlining its progress and offering the task force's recommendations as they relate to the charge and duties set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the legislature on January 1 of each year.