

House Resolution 841

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, Marin of the 96th, Nguyen of the 89th, Lopez Romero of the 99th, Kausche of the 50th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing June, 2019, as Immigrant Heritage Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in pursuit of the American Dream, immigrants from around the world have
3 made Georgia their home, which has strengthened the economy and enriched the state's
4 cultural diversity; and
- 5 WHEREAS, one in ten Georgians are an immigrant or foreign-born, which constitutes the
6 ninth largest immigrant population in the United States; and
- 7 WHEREAS, forty-one percent of Fortune 500 companies based in Georgia were founded by
8 immigrants or their children, which generate \$207.6 billion in annual revenue and employ
9 864,644 people globally; and
- 10 WHEREAS, foreign-born Georgians own an estimated 31 percent of Georgia's main street
11 businesses, despite comprising only 10 percent of the state's population; and
- 12 WHEREAS, immigrant owned businesses employ 136,000 workers in Georgia and
13 strengthen the economy by continuing to grow, innovate, and create jobs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Georgia immigrants have spending power of \$23 billion and contribute a total
15 of \$8 billion a year in federal, state, and local taxes; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Georgia's immigrants contribute greatly to advances in technology and science;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, the work of immigrants has directly enriched the culture of Georgia and the
19 United States by influencing the performing arts, academia, art, music, literature, media,
20 fashion, cuisine, customs, and cultural celebrations enjoyed across the state and country; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants and founded on the principle that
22 we are all created equal.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize June, 2019, as Immigrant Heritage Month in honor of
25 the contributions and accomplishments of Georgia's immigrants and their children.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 public and the press.