

## House Resolution 1299

By: Representatives Park of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Holcomb of the 81<sup>st</sup>, Nguyen of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Kausche of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Kennard of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the contributions of Georgia's Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs)  
2 and recognizing February 24, 2020, as Georgia Asian American Lobby Day at the state  
3 capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is fortunate to be home to more than 455,000 residents of  
5 Asian American and Pacific Islander descent; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau in 2016 verified that AAPIs are the fastest  
7 growing racial and ethnic population in this state and in the nation, numbering more than  
8 17.5 million nation wide and comprising 5.4 percent of the United States population, and are  
9 projected to grow to comprise 9.3 percent of the population by 2060; and

10 WHEREAS, the AAPI community is also the most diverse population in the United States,  
11 comprising over 50 distinct ethnic groups and hundreds of different language groups, which  
12 is reflective of the tremendous diversity of the Asian and Pacific Island regions, with over  
13 30 countries, 16 major ethnic groups, nine languages, and numerous belief systems; and

14 WHEREAS, the diversity of AAPI immigrants brings tremendous economic and cultural  
15 wealth to the great State of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the contributions of the following AAPI organizations are recognized and  
17 commended for their contributions to the State of Georgia: the Global Federation of Chinese  
18 Business Women Chamber, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Greater Georgia,  
19 Taiwanese Junior Chamber of Commerce of Greater Georgia, Asian Real Estate Association  
20 of America, Republic of China Veterans Association, Georgia Indo-American Chamber of  
21 Commerce, Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, Southeast United States  
22 Korean Chamber of Commerce, Korean American Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Korean  
23 American Grocers Association, Vietnamese-American Community of Georgia, and Taipei  
24 Economic Cultural Office; and

25 WHEREAS, AAPI communities often face unique barriers because they are not a monolithic  
26 population; as each ethnicity faces distinct challenges, gathering disaggregated data is critical  
27 to forming evidence based policy around the unique needs of these diverse communities and  
28 to identifying barriers to access of services and resources at the local, state, and federal  
29 levels, so that policymakers may develop solutions to the unique challenges faced by AAPI  
30 communities as they continue to become a larger part of the broad United States social  
31 fabric; and

32 WHEREAS, in each succeeding generation, citizens of AAPI descent in this state have  
33 enhanced our culture, quality of life, and economic vitality through leadership, commitment  
34 to knowledge advancement, and dedication to our local communities; and

35 WHEREAS, the contributions of our AAPI residents continue to grow in significance as  
36 more choose to make this state their home and as our economy becomes more integrated with  
37 the economies throughout Asia; and

38 WHEREAS, there are more elected and appointed officials of Asian American and Pacific  
39 Islander descent in this state than ever before, with members of our AAPI communities  
40 educating themselves about the political process and mobilizing for greater civic engagement  
41 and participation in our local, municipal, state, and national electoral processes; and

42 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia takes pride in the successes and contributions of our AAPI  
43 communities and welcomes the opportunity to honor outstanding AAPI citizens and residents  
44 for their lasting and expanding imprint upon our state.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
46 the members of this body commend the contributions of Georgia's Asian American and  
47 Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) and recognize February 24, 2020, as Georgia Asian American  
48 Lobby Day at the state capitol.

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