

House Resolution 1294

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, Nguyen of the 89th, Marin of the 96th, Boddie of the 62nd, Wilson of the 80th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Kim Baik Kyu for his dedication and commitment to
2 public service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim Baik Kyu has long been recognized as a leader in the Korean
4 American community and by the citizens of this state for his deep personal commitment to
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his decades of public service; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1969 to 1970, he served in Vietnam with the South Korean army alongside
10 American forces for democracy, freedom, and the right to self-determination; and

11 WHEREAS, in pursuit of the American Dream, Mr. Kim immigrated to the United States of
12 America in 1976, and as part of the first generation of Korean immigrants to the State of
13 Georgia, he opened a grocery store in 1986; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim currently serves as president of the Korean American Grocers
15 Association, a position he has held since 2011 wherein his significant organizational and
16 leadership ability, his remarkable patience and wisdom, and his committed service for others
17 has earned him the respect and admiration of his community; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim served as the 25th president of the Korean America Association of
19 Greater Atlanta in 2001 and 2002, and he played a key role in the redevelopment of the
20 Korean Cultural Center on Buford Highway to improve the cultural and social life of Korean
21 Americans and the local community; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim led the effort to rebuild the Korean American Cultural Center
23 established in 2015 in Norcross, Georgia, by raising more than \$1.6 million after the old
24 center on Buford Highway burned down in 2013; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim currently serves as chairman of the Atlanta Comfort Women Memorial
26 Task Force, and in 2017, he successfully established a memorial honoring the lives of
27 comfort women in Blackburn Park located in Brookhaven, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, he currently serves as chairman of the Atlanta Korean American Committee
29 Against Asian Hate, a diverse coalition of businesses along with grassroots and nonprofit
30 organizations in the Korean American community dedicated to advancing the welfare of
31 Asian Americans through civil justice, hate crime prevention, and public education of Asian
32 American history, heritage, and culture; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
34 Georgian be recognized appropriately.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend Mr. Kim Baik Kyu for his decades of
37 public service and leadership and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health
38 and happiness.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
41 Kim Baik Kyu.