

## House Resolution 1240

By: Representatives Au of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Tran of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Hong of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, and Park of the 107<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA) was founded  
4 in 1993 by Prof. Natsu Saito, of the Georgia State University College of Law, and Judge  
5 Alvin T. Wong, a judge of the DeKalb County State Court in Georgia, to establish a Georgia  
6 support network for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) attorneys and those  
7 interested in AAPI legal issues; and ; and

8 WHEREAS, GAPABA was chartered as an official chapter of the National Asian Pacific  
9 American Bar Association on June 11, 1993, by 13 original charter members: Kenneth W.  
10 Brosnahan, Socheat Chea, Martin L. Chen, Thomas Y. Choi, Prof. Natsu Saito, Hon. Chung  
11 Hun Lee, Dr. Sai Hyun Lee, Hongli Ma, Renee Hom Neary, Christina Pak, Hon. Alvin T.  
12 Wong, Raymond M. Wong, and Yongman Zhang; and

13 WHEREAS, GAPABA represents and advocates the interests of AAPI, encourages and  
14 promotes the professional growth of AAPI lawyers and other members of the legal  
15 profession, broadens professional opportunities for AAPI lawyers and law students, and  
16 supports the entrance and advancement of AAPIs within the legal profession; and

17 WHEREAS, The GAPABA Law Foundation (GLF) was organized in 2005 as the non-profit  
18 arm of GAPABA, with the mission of providing charitable and educational services for  
19 Georgia's AAPI legal community and has awarded over \$350,000 to non-profit organizations  
20 to support legal internships, programs, and fellowships; and

21 WHEREAS, The Trinh Huynh Fellowship, created with Asian Americans Advancing  
22 Justice-Atlanta, is a legal fellowship dedicated to litigation to benefit the AAPI community;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The Hemanth Digumarthi Public Interest Scholarship provides a source of  
25 funding for law students who accept unpaid summer internships with organizations that  
26 advance public interest causes.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize and commend The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar  
29 Association.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to The  
32 Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association.