## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 722

WHEREAS, Members of the Houston, Austin, and Dallas/Fort Worth chapters of the Asian Real Estate Association of America are gathering at the State Capitol on May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2003, the Asian Real Estate Association of America is a nonprofit trade organization that promotes sustainable home ownership and property investment for Asian Americans and works to increase business opportunities for the professionals who serve this growing community; and

WHEREAS, The Asian Real Estate Association of America is the only trade association dedicated to representing the interests of the national Asian American real estate market; through an extensive network of more than 14,000 real estate agents and mortgage and housing-related professionals, the association and its local chapters advocate on behalf of state and national policy positions that reduce the barriers preventing home ownership among members of the Asian American community; and

WHEREAS, Members of the association have benefited greatly from the leadership of founding chairs Kenneth Li, Allen M. Okamoto, and John Yen Wong and current chair Carmen Chong; in Texas, the association is capably led by Houston chapter president Dawn Lin, Austin chapter president Helena Kwee, and Dallas/Fort Worth president Michael Seeto; and

WHEREAS, By working to ensure that the American dream of home ownership is attainable by all members of the Asian American community, the Texas chapters of the Asian Real Estate

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Association of America are helping to build a more prosperous Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize May 6, 2015, as Asian Real Estate Association of America Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative visit to Austin.

Ellis, Nelson, Watson, West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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