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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Greater Houston chapter of OCA-Asian Pacific  
2 American Advocates was named Chapter of the Year at the OCA National  
3 Convention in Sacramento, California, on August 5, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1973 as the Organization of Chinese  
5 Americans, the renamed OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates seeks  
6 to advance the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian  
7 Pacific Americans in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, OCA-Greater Houston was established in 1979, and  
9 since then, it has taken part in voter registration drives,  
10 supported scholarship programs, hosted nationally known speakers,  
11 sponsored performances by dance and theater companies, and  
12 conducted educational seminars on such topics as workplace rights,  
13 affirmative action, and hate crimes; and

14 WHEREAS, The chapter has also helped to establish the Asian  
15 American Legal Center of Texas, the Coalition Against Asian  
16 American Bashing, and the Asian American Women's Forum, and it has  
17 worked closely with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity  
18 Commission and the U.S. Department of Labor on educational  
19 outreach; in addition, members have supported the OCA Summer  
20 Internship program in Washington, D.C., donated books by Asian  
21 Pacific authors to college and public libraries, and raised public  
22 awareness on issues of importance to Asian Pacific Americans; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to being named Chapter of the Year,  
24 OCA-Greater Houston also took first place at the national

1 convention in advocacy, first place in programs, and second place  
2 in economic development; and

3 WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, OCA-Greater Houston has  
4 been a champion for Asian Pacific Americans in the Bayou City and  
5 beyond, and its efforts are truly deserving of this national honor;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate OCA-Greater  
9 Houston on being named OCA 2017 Chapter of the Year and extend to  
10 its members sincere best wishes for continued success in their  
11 important work; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for OCA-Greater Houston as an expression of high regard by  
14 the Texas House of Representatives.