

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 714

**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 3, 2017; 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**, Through an extensive network of more than 15,000 real estate agents and mortgage and housing-related professionals, the association is the only trade association dedicated to representing the interests of the national Asian American real estate market; in addition, 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**, The members of the association have benefited greatly from the leadership of founding chairs Allen M. Okamoto and John Yen Wong, chair emeritus Jim Park, president Angie Lee, vice president Randy Char, and executive director Hope Atuel; in Texas, the association is capably led by the Houston chapter's chair emeritus Kenneth Li, founding president Dawn Lin, and current president Eugene Wang, as well as by Austin chapter president Rela Pantaleon-Manigsaca, Dallas/Fort Worth chapter president Cathy Capps-Warren, and immediate past president Daniel Eng; 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 Association of America are helping to build a more prosperous Texas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize May 3, 2017, 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 stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate