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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Arlington Dragon Boat Festival Race for Education is being held on June 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The event is presented by the Southwest Region of the U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation; founded in 1984, the national nonprofit represents the Asian American community in business, sports, education, public services, and the arts and sciences; and

WHEREAS, Part of an annual worldwide celebration, the dragon boat race honors the poignant saga of Qu Yuan, a minister in a Warring State government of ancient China who is said to have taken his own life in the Miluo River after being slandered by corrupt officials; upon hearing of his death, people rushed out in their boats, beating drums and splashing the water with their paddles to keep fish and evil spirits away from his body; and

WHEREAS, The Asian American community plays a vital role in the business, professional, and cultural life of Texas, and the Dragon Boat Festival provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the many contributions of its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 2019 Arlington Dragon Boat Festival Race for Education and extend to the Southwest Region of the U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.