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H.R. No. 314

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Asian American Pacific Islander
2 community are gathering in Austin on February 24, 2025, for AAPI Day
3 of Action at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The umbrella term "AAPI" refers to Pacific Islander,
5 Southeast Asian, South Asian, West Asian, Central Asian, and East
6 Asian cultures, and it encompasses some 50 different ethnicities
7 and more than 300 languages and dialects; and

8 WHEREAS, In Texas, the AAPI population numbers approximately
9 two million, having grown significantly since 2000; Harris, Collin,
10 and Fort Bend Counties have the highest number of AAPI residents;
11 the top five Asian languages spoken in the state are Vietnamese,
12 Chinese, Hindi, Tagalog, and Urdu, and among the many others are
13 Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Hawaiian, Chuukese, and Marshallese; and

14 WHEREAS, AAPI Day of Action provides an opportunity for AAPI
15 Texans to raise awareness of the issues important to them, while
16 also building community among the collaborative of nonprofit
17 organizations known as Asian Americans for Texas (AAFT); these
18 groups include the South Asian American Voter Empowerment of Texas
19 Education Fund, Asian Texans for Justice, OCA-Greater Houston,
20 Woori Juntos, and Emgage; and

21 WHEREAS, Members of the Asian American Pacific Islander
22 community contribute to the vibrancy and prosperity of the Lone
23 Star State in myriad ways, and the participants in this advocacy day
24 are demonstrating their commitment to making an even greater

1 positive impact in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2025, as AAPI Day of
4 Action at the State Capitol.