
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. AMEFIL AGBAYANI AND DR. DORIS CHING FOR STRENGTHENING THE VOICES OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives takes great pride in
2 recognizing and honoring the notable contributions of those
3 exceptional individuals in our community who seek to broaden the
4 understanding of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in higher
5 education; and

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7 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the
8 population of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is expected
9 to at least double by the year 2050; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the highest proportion of Asian
12 Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the
13 country; and

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15 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama established the goal that
16 the United States will have the highest proportion of college
17 graduates in the world by 2020, which will require sufficient
18 educational resources for all students, including Asian
19 Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

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21 WHEREAS, additional research on Asian Americans and Pacific
22 Islanders will also be necessary for informed educational policy
23 formation on student performance, equity, and diversity; and

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25 WHEREAS, DR. AMEFIL AGBAYANI and DR. DORIS CHING edited the
26 book, entitled: *Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Higher
27 Education: Research and Perspectives on Identity, Leadership,
28 and Success*, giving visibility to the diverse and growing
29 population of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the
30 United States, which has been historically excluded from



1 national research and policies for diversity and equity in
2 higher education; and

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4 WHEREAS, while this book, published in 2012, is authored by
5 experts from throughout the United States, it also gives
6 appropriate attention to Hawaii's leadership on issues affecting
7 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2013, that this body hereby recognizes and commends
12 DR. AMEFIL AGBAYANI and DR. DORIS CHING for strengthening the
13 voices of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in higher
14 education and for enlightening the nation on the contributions
15 of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, applauds them for
16 dedicating their time and energy to this topic, and extends to
17 them its deepest appreciation, warmest aloha, and best wishes
18 for continued success in all future endeavors.

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