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Condemning all prejudice against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the United States, and supporting political and civic participation by these persons throughout the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. UNDERWOOD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning all prejudice against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the United States, and supporting political and civic participation by these persons throughout the United States.

Whereas Congress is investigating possible campaign fund-raising violations during 1996 campaigns, which may involve illegal and improper contributions from Asian nations;

Whereas the current media attention regarding this investigation may result in the widespread denigration of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans;

Whereas Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have suffered unfounded and demagogic accusations of disloyalty throughout United States history;

Whereas Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have been victimized by discriminatory laws and actions, including the internment of patriotic and loyal Japanese Americans during the Second World War, the Chinese Exclusion Act, the Alien Land Law, the repatriation of Filipino immigrants, and the prohibition of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans from owning property, voting, testifying in court, or attending school with other people in the United States;

Whereas a 1992 report of the United States Commission on Civil Rights concluded that Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are still frequently victims of racially-motivated bigotry and violence, and face widespread prejudice, discrimination, and barriers to equal opportunity; and

Whereas recent months have seen repeated incidents of violence, harassment, and threats against Asian and Pacific Islander American political candidates and organizations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress condemns all prejudice against
 3 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and publicly sup-
 4 ports the participation of Asian and Pacific Islander
 5 Americans in the political, public, and civic affairs of the
 6 United States.

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