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Recognizing the achievements of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions on the 10th anniversary of their establishment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. LEE, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the achievements of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions on the 10th anniversary of their establishment.

Whereas Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions are degree-granting institutions that have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of not less than 10 percent Asian American students or Native American Pacific Islander students;

Whereas the purpose of the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program is to improve the availability and quality of postsecondary education programs to serve Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and low-income students;

Whereas September 27, 2017, marks the 10th anniversary of the creation of the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program originally authorized by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007;

Whereas 35 Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions currently operate in the United States, including the United States Territories;

Whereas Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions comprise 3.4 percent of all institutions of higher education, yet enroll 41 percent of all Asian American and Pacific Islander undergraduate students;

Whereas over half of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions have an Asian American and Pacific Islander enrollment of over 20 percent;

Whereas one-third of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions have active Asian American Studies programs that play a vital role in preserving the heritage, culture, history, and experiences of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;

Whereas one-third of the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions have graduation rates for Asian American and Pacific Islanders that exceed the national graduation rate;

Whereas Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions create culturally relevant academic programming, programs, and services to support low-income and first-generation students and increase the

graduation rates of Asian American and Pacific Islander students;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions strengthens the culture of the United States; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the achievements and goals of
3 Asian American and Native American Pacific Is-
4 lander-Serving Institutions in their work to provide
5 quality educational opportunities to Asian Americans
6 and Pacific Islanders and other students who attend
7 their institutions;

8 (2) encourages institutions of higher education
9 that are eligible for designation as an Asian Amer-
10 ican and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving
11 Institution to obtain such designation and establish
12 programs to serve the unique needs of Asian Amer-
13 ican and Pacific Islander students and families; and

14 (3) calls on the people of the United States and
15 interested groups to observe the 10th anniversary of
16 Asian American and Native American Pacific Is-
17 lander-Serving Institutions with appropriate cere-
18 monies, activities, and programs to demonstrate sup-

- 1 port for Asian American and Native American Pa-
- 2 cific Islander-Serving Institutions.

