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H. CON. RES. 111

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 1999

Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. WAXMAN) 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 such Americans throughout the United States.

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

Whereas Congress is also investigating breaches of security at certain national laboratories of the Federal Government that center on alleged seditious acts by individuals of Asian descent;

Whereas the current media attention regarding such investigations has resulted in the widespread denigration of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry and has raised the specter of an American's loyalty being determined by his or her ancestry;

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

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 the month of May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and should be recognized as a time to pay tribute to the rich cultural heritage of the Asian and Pacific Islander community and all these communities have contributed to America and American values: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress condemns all prejudice
- 3 against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and publicly

- 1 supports the participation of Asian and Pacific Islander
- 2 Americans in the political, public, and civic affairs of the
- 3 United States.

