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# S. CON. RES. 53

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States.

Whereas the belief that all persons have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is a truth that individuals in the United States hold as self-evident;

Whereas all individuals in the United States are entitled to the equal protection of law;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have made profound contributions to life in the United States, including the arts, the economy, education, the sciences, technology, politics, and sports, among other areas;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have demonstrated their patriotism by honorably serving to defend the United States in times of armed conflict, from the Civil War to the present;

Whereas recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing involve allegations of misconduct by certain individuals, such allegations should not result in questioning the loyalty and probity of individuals of the same or similar ancestry in the United States, simply due to such ancestry; and

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have suffered discrimination and unfounded accusations of disloyalty throughout the history of the United States, resulting in discriminatory laws, including the former Act of May 6, 1882 (22 Stat. 58, chapter 126) (often referred to as the “Chinese Exclusion Act”) and a 1913 California law relating to alien-owned land, and discriminatory actions, including internment of patriotic and loyal individuals of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War, the repatriation of Filipino immigrants, and the prohibition of individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry from owning property, voting, testifying in court, or attending school with other people in the United States: Now, therefore be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2        *concurring), That—*

3                (1) Congress condemns all prejudice against in-  
4                dividuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the  
5                United States; and

6                (2) it is the sense of Congress that—

7                        (A) no individual in the United States  
8                        should stereotype or generalize the actions of an  
9                        individual to an entire group of people;

1                   (B) individuals of Asian and Pacific Island  
2                   ancestry in the United States are entitled to all  
3                   due process rights and privileges afforded to all  
4                   individuals in the United States; and

5                   (C) all executive agencies should act within  
6                   their respective jurisdictions in accordance with  
7                   existing civil rights laws.

Passed the Senate July 27, 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*