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# H. RES. 581

Expressing support for the recognition of September 22, 2019, to September 28, 2019, as Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions week.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the recognition of September 22, 2019, to September 28, 2019, as Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions week.

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 the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program was originally authorized on September 27, 2007, by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007;

Whereas 133 eligible Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions operate in the United States, including the United States territories;

Whereas eligible Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions comprise less than 4 percent of all institutions of higher education, yet enroll over one-third of all Asian American and Pacific Islander undergraduate students;

Whereas Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions enroll approximately 40 percent of Asian American and Pacific Islander students in higher education and employ many of the Nation's Asian American and Pacific Islander faculty and staff;

Whereas Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions award almost half of the associate's degrees and approximately one quarter of the bachelor's degrees attained by Asian American and Pacific Islander college students;

Whereas many 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 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 Americans and Pacific Islanders;

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 Asian American and  
16      Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institu-  
17      tions week with appropriate ceremonies, activities,  
18      and programs to demonstrate support for Asian

- 1 American and Native American Pacific Islander-
- 2 Serving Institutions.

