By Representatives Wood (R), Nordgren, Hurst, Shaver, Brown (K) and Boyd

RFD: Rules

First Read: 07-APR-21
CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT.

WHEREAS, there are 23,000,000 Asian Americans in the United States, constituting seven percent of the population; there are approximately 65,000 Asian Americans in Alabama; in this country, over 2,000,000 Asian Americans are working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic as first responders in health care, law enforcement, transportation, and other service industries; and

WHEREAS, acts of discrimination and hate are antithetical to our values as Alabamians and Americans; it is our duty to promote respect, inclusion, and a welcoming place for all races, national origins, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Alabama can play a role in establishing a safe and welcoming environment for all by intervening and reporting instances of discrimination and hate; by showing kindness, love, and empathy to all people; state officials, state law enforcement officials, and local officials can expeditiously investigate and document all credible reports of hate crimes, incidents, and threats
against the Asian American community and collect data to
document the rise of hate crimes and prosecute perpetrators;
and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the
citizens of the State of Alabama and this great nation to
denounce, in the strongest terms, any hate crimes or acts of
discrimination or any other form of conduct that constitutes
racism based on ethnicity, including incitement to violence
resulting from COVID-19, and to encourage positive social
behaviors; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That this body condemns all acts
of discrimination and hate perpetrated against the Asian
community and all Alabamians be encouraged to assist in the
establishment of a safe environment for all residents of this
state.