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3 By Representatives Wood (R), Nordgren, Brown (K), Hurst,
4 Shaver and Boyd
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 22-APR-21

8 CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT.
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10 WHEREAS, there are 23,000,000 Asian Americans in the
11 United States, constituting seven percent of the population;
12 there are approximately 65,000 Asian Americans in Alabama; in
13 this country, over 2,000,000 Asian Americans are working on
14 the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic as first responders
15 in health care, law enforcement, transportation, and other
16 service industries; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Alabama can play
22 a role in establishing a safe and welcoming environment for
23 all by intervening and reporting instances of discrimination
24 and hate; by showing kindness, love, and empathy to all
25 people; state officials, state law enforcement officials, and
26 local officials can expeditiously investigate and document all
27 credible reports of hate crimes, incidents, and threats

1 against the Asian American community and collect data to
2 document the rise of hate crimes and prosecute perpetrators;
3 and

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

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body condemns all acts of
13 discrimination and hate perpetrated against the Asian
14 community and all Alabamians be encouraged to assist in the
15 establishment of a safe environment for all residents of this
16 state.