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3 By Representatives Wood (R), Nordgren, Brown (K), Hurst,  
4 Shaver and Boyd  
5 RFD: Rules  
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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

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.