

House Resolution 1732

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, Nguyen of the 89th, Marin of the 96th, Lopez of the 99th, Gonzalez of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending OCA-Georgia on the grand occasion of its 35th anniversary;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, OCA-Georgia, a local chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans
4 (OCA), was founded in 1983 to advance the social, political, and general welfare of Asian
5 Pacific Americans in the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, OCA's goals are to advocate for social justice, equal opportunity, and fair
7 treatment; to promote civic participation, education, and leadership; to build coalitions; and
8 to foster cultural heritage and understanding; and

9 WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 35th Anniversary of OCA-Georgia's founding; and

10 WHEREAS, we remember and honor the life of Jean Chen, the founder of OCA-GA, who
11 passed away on January 8, 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, Jean Chen helped found OCA-Georgia to help Asian Americans who were
13 unable to speak or write English; and

14 WHEREAS, the successful introduction of 12 Series Stamps of Chinese Zodiac, led by
15 founder Jean Chen in 1991, resulted in the first ever Lunar New Year stamp in 1992; and

16 WHEREAS, the annual issuance of Lunar New Year stamps honors Chinese and Asian
17 American culture and history, commemorates our heritage, and recognizes the hard work and
18 sacrifice of Chinese railroad workers who contributed to the completion of the
19 Transcontinental Railroad; and

20 WHEREAS, Frank Chou was the first president of OCA-Georgia, and Jean Chen was the
21 first chairwoman; and

22 WHEREAS, we recognize and commend the current officers of OCA-Georgia for their
23 leadership and contributions to the well-being of the Asian Pacific American community in
24 Georgia: president, Alexandra Kuo; executive vice president, Estrella Cramer; secretary,
25 Paul Tran; vice president of public affairs, Louis Tseng; vice president of education, Victor
26 Eng; vice president of culture, Shandry Law; directors, Joan Goh, Clayton Lee, and Brian
27 Lin; and past president, Josh Yuen.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend OCA-Georgia on the grand occasion of
30 its 35th anniversary.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
33 OCA-Georgia, the public, and the press.