

House Resolution 552

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, Nguyen of the 89th, Marin of the 96th, Lim of the 99th, Lopez of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, in pursuit of the American Dream, immigrants from around the world have
3 made Georgia their home, which has strengthened the economy and enriched the state's
4 cultural diversity; and

- 5 WHEREAS, one in ten Georgians are an immigrant or foreign-born, which constitutes the
6 ninth largest immigrant population in the United States; and

- 7 WHEREAS, forty-one percent of Fortune 500 companies based in Georgia were founded by
8 immigrants or their children, which generate \$207.6 billion in annual revenue and employ
9 864,644 people globally; and

- 10 WHEREAS, foreign-born Georgians own an estimated 31 percent of Georgia's main street
11 businesses despite representing only 10 percent of the state's population; and

- 12 WHEREAS, immigrant-owned businesses employ 136,000 workers in Georgia and
13 strengthen the economy by continuing to grow, innovate, and create jobs; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia immigrants have spending power of \$23 billion and contribute a total
15 of \$8 billion a year in federal, state, and local taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia's immigrants contribute greatly to advances in technology and science;
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18 WHEREAS, the work of immigrants has directly enriched the culture of Georgia and the
19 United States by influencing the performing arts, academia, art, music, literature, media,
20 fashion, cuisine, customs, and cultural celebrations enjoyed across the state and country; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants and founded on the principle that
22 we are all created equal.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month in honor of the
25 contributions and accomplishments of Georgia's immigrants and their children.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 public and the press.