

## House Resolution 860

By: Representatives Mughal of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Reeves of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, and Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent North  
2 America (GA APPNA) for their impact on the medical profession, the Pakistani Diaspora,  
3 and their local communities; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA),  
5 established in 1976, is one of the largest ethnic medical societies in North America,  
6 representing more than 15,000 physicians and health care professionals of Pakistani descent  
7 serving across the United States and Canada; and

8 WHEREAS, APPNA is a charitable organization dedicated to fostering scientific  
9 development and education in the field of medicine and to delivering better health care,  
10 irrespective of race, color, creed, or gender; and

11 WHEREAS, APPNA saves lives and relieves suffering through its participation in medical  
12 relief and other charitable activities at home and abroad; and

13 WHEREAS, GA APPNA, with its chapters and alumni networks, is the forefront leader of  
14 the Pakistani Diaspora in the metro Atlanta area and throughout Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, GA APPNA members serve in various community organizations, free clinics,  
16 organize business meetings, free health fairs, and cultural events, and collaborate with  
17 UNICEF on projects both nationally and internationally; and

18 WHEREAS, GA APPNA physicians also support and manage the Clarkston Community  
19 Health Center and own and fund a free dispensary for the indigent population of that area;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, GA APPNA is an ardent participant in a college scholarship fund run by  
22 APPNA, which is awarded by each regional APPNA chapter under the umbrella of APPNA,  
23 as each chapter raises this money on their own; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2024, GA APPNA will be led by Dr. Salman Ashfaq as president, Dr. Sarah  
25 Hayat as general secretary, and Dr. Saadia Khizer as treasurer.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Physicians of  
28 Pakistani Descent of North America for its positive impact on the medical community,  
29 Pakistani diaspora, and Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 Georgia Chapter of the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America.