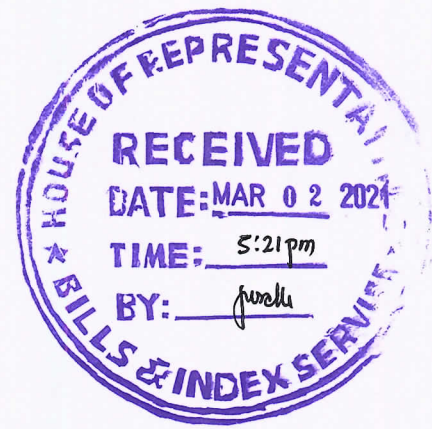


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House Resolution No. 1623



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE ALARMING SURGE OF HATE CRIMES AGAINST ASIANS AMID THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, just last month, a Filipino man was brutally slashed in the face by a boxcutter while riding the New York subway on his way to work;

WHEREAS, additionally, a Thai elderly man died of his injuries after being shoved to the pavement in San Francisco, USA;

WHEREAS, these incidents are evidently cases of hate crimes against Asians which are often fueled by the rhetoric that Asians are to blame for the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, US-based non-government organizations and activist groups have collectively recorded more than 3,000 anti-Asian attacks in the US alone since March 2020¹;

WHEREAS, this was a staggering increase compared to about 100 incidents that they have similarly recorded annually in the years prior²;

WHEREAS, it is alarming that these occurrences of hate crimes which started from utterances of derogatory language against Asians have escalated to physical aggression;

WHEREAS, racism and the propagation of anti-immigrant, white supremacist, ultra-nationalist and xenophobic sentiments shall be immediately addressed and curtailed as it can further the discrimination and prejudice against Asian refugees, foreigners, and immigrants all around the world;

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), through its consular offices and embassies around the world, is requested to assist Filipino victims of hate crimes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to condemn in the strongest possible terms the alarming surge of hate crimes against Asians amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO

¹ Abdollah, Tami and Hughes, Trevor. "Hate crimes against Asian Americans are on the rise. Here's what activists, lawmakers and police are doing to stop the violence." *USA Today*. Retrieved March 2, 2021. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/02/27/asian-hate-crimes-attacks-fueled-covid-19-racism-threaten-asians/4566376001/>

² Id.