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Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education 25th Annual Conference San Francisco, California

Dear Friends,

I am delighted that Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) chose to hold its 25th annual conference in San Francisco and am pleased to add my congratulations to the distinguished speakers who are leaders in the Bay Area's AAPI community.

During my 25 years in Congress, it has been my privilege to represent San Francisco's strong AAPI community that is a vital part of our world-renowned diversity. We take great pride in our AAPI leadership in education, government, medicine, technology, business and the arts.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have drawn on their proud heritage for strength to overcome barriers to success. During this conference, we remember Asian Pacific leaders who broke the mold and laid the foundation for future achievements. I commend APAHE on the strides made thus far to promote AAPI leadership in higher education. Together, we will build on your work to expand AAPI leadership nationwide.

As we celebrate the success of APAHE, we must rededicate our efforts to ensure equality of opportunity so that all Americans have a chance to reach the American Dream.

I offer my warmest wishes in this Year of the Dragon for your good fortune, continued success, and a productive conference. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Best regards,

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