RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES CEN-TER (AASCSC) IN HONOR OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HER-ITAGE MONTH

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Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to recognize Asian American Senior Citizens Services Center (AASCSC) and their invaluable contribution to the community they serve.

The Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center (AASCSC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1989 that follows the philosophy of "caring for elders as if they were our own." The Orange County service center office of AASCSC was established in 1991. Their mission is to dedicate their time to raising awareness of the needs of the Asian American elders, providing assistance by accessing essential health care and social services, and promoting a dignified living in the community.

AASCSC is a leader in service and advocacy for the elderly who are determined to provide thorough direct services, policy advocacy, and capacity building for the Asian Pacific American community. For over 30 years, AASCSC has been an essential resource to ensure the most vulnerable, low-income seniors receive access and equity to quality social and health programs and services. With their bilingual staff and volunteers, AASCSC works to serve and empower their diverse aging community.

These challenging times have impacted AASCSC's vulnerable and high-risk senior cit-

izen community beyond the prevalent public health threat, such as difficulties in obtaining basic needs like toilet paper and food, reduction of income or ability to run their businesses, and an increase in xenophobia towards the Asian American community.

Despite these hardships, AASCSC continues to provide exceptional service and care to their communities by continuing the work towards the 2020 Census, coordinating packaging and distribution of food and basic necessities to thousands of vulnerable seniors, and collaborating and supporting other nonprofit organizations with the mission to provide resources to vulnerable families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated service of the Asian American Senior Citizens Services Center in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.