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**Former AAHOA Ambassador Appointed to Texas Housing Board**

ATLANTA, December 7, 2015 – Former Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) Ambassador Kiran Shah was appointed last Thursday by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to serve on the state’s Manufactured Housing Board.

Shah, a Richmond resident, is a longtime hospitality-industry leader and independent owner and operator of several nationally recognized franchise hotels. He is an active member of the Hotel and Lodging Association of Houston and has served as commissioner of the Houston Clean City Commission; chairman of the Sardar Patel Cultural Club; and secretary of the Gujarati Samaj of Houston. His term on the Manufactured Housing Board will expire in January, 2019.

“All of his professional life, Mr. Shah has set a standard of service and leadership to which all entrepreneurs and industry players should aspire,” said AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers. “I commend Gov. Abbott on his selection and congratulate Mr. Shah on this well-deserved honor.”