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H. RES. 686

Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOMEZ (for himself, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. MENG, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. PETERS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. GABBARD, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day.

Whereas the influence of Korean Americans may be observed in all facets of American life, from politics to industry, entrepreneurship to volunteerism, the arts, and education;

Whereas, on January 13, 1903, 102 courageous Korean immigrants arrived in the United States initiating the first chapter of Korean immigration to America;

Whereas these pioneer Korean immigrants faced tremendous social and economic obstacles as well as language barriers in America, the land of opportunity;

Whereas in pursuit of the American dream, Korean immigrants initially served as farmworkers, wage laborers, and section hands throughout the United States;

Whereas first generation Korean immigrants established a new home in a new land through resilience, tenacious effort, and immense sacrifice, which became the bedrock for their children and future generations of Korean Americans;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the history of Korean immigration;

Whereas the House passed House Resolution 487 to commemorate Korean American Day in the 109th Congress;

Whereas the Senate passed Senate Resolution 283 to commemorate Korean American Day in the 109th Congress;

Whereas Korean Americans, like other groups of immigrants that came to the United States before them, seeking a better life and opportunity, have thrived in their new homeland due to strong work ethic, family bonds, and community spirit;

Whereas Korean Americans have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of the United States and the global marketplace;

Whereas Korean Americans have invigorated businesses, not-for-profit and other nongovernmental organizations, government, technology, medicine, athletics, arts and entertainment, journalism, churches, academic communities, and countless facets of American life;

Whereas Korean Americans have made enormous contributions to the military strength of the United States and served with distinction in the Armed Forces during World War I, World War II, and the conflict in Korea;

Whereas South Korea will host the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as “Korean American Day” to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Korean
3 American Day;

4 (2) urges all Americans to observe Korean
5 American Day so as to have a greater appreciation
6 of the invaluable contributions Korean Americans
7 have made to the United States; and

8 (3) honors and recognizes the 115th anniversary
9 of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to
10 the United States.

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