

## S. RES. 283

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### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of "Korean American Day".

*Whereas* on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants to the United States initiated the first chapter of Korean immigration to the United States;

Whereas members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict in Korea;

*Whereas* in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities;

*Whereas* Korean Americans, like waves of immigrants to the United States before them, have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and countless hours of hard work;

*Whereas* the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development of the nectarine, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing;

*Whereas* Korean Americans play a crucial role in maintaining the strength and vitality of the United States-Korean partnership;

*Whereas* the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the now more than 100-year history of Korean immigration; and

*Whereas* the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as "Korean American Day" to memorialize the more than 100-year journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate--

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of a "Korean American Day";
- (2) commemorates the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States; and
- (3) encourages the people of the United States to--
  - (A) share in such commemoration in order to greater appreciate the valuable contributions Korean Americans have made to the United States; and
  - (B) to observe "Korean American Day" with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.