

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 120

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Designates January 13 of each year as Korean American Day in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating January 13 of each year as
2 Korean American Day in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, On January 13, 1903, 102 courageous Korean immigrants
5 arrived in the United States initiating the first wave of Korean
6 immigration to America; and

7 **WHEREAS**, These pioneering Korean immigrants faced tremendous
8 social and economic obstacles as well as language barriers in
9 America; and

10 **WHEREAS**, First generation Korean immigrants established a new
11 home in a new land through resilience, tenacious effort, and
12 immense sacrifice, which became the bedrock for their children and
13 future generations of Korean Americans; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Korean Americans have made significant contributions to
15 the economic vitality of the United States, and the global
16 marketplace; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The contributions of Korean Americans to the United
18 States include achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine,
19 the arts, and writing; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Korean Americans have made enormous contributions to
21 the military strength of the United States and served with
22 distinction in the Armed Forces during World War I, World War II,
23 the Vietnam conflict, the Korean conflict, and subsequent military
24 conflicts across the globe; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Korean Americans have built and strengthened the alliance
26 between the United States and the Republic of Korea; and

27 **WHEREAS**, The Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the
28 United States designated January 13th of each year as “Korean
29 American Day” to honor the first step of the long and prosperous
30 journey of Korean Americans in the United States; and

31 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper for this State to
32 commemorate the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the
33 United States, and to recognize the invaluable contributions Korean
34 Americans have made to the United States; now, therefore,

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36 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
37 *State of New Jersey:*

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39 1. January 13 of each year is designated as “Korean American
40 Day” in New Jersey to commemorate the arrival of the first Korean
41 immigrants to the United States, and to recognize the invaluable
42 contributions Korean Americans have made to the United States.

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44 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
45 proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of this
46 State to observe “Korean American Day” with appropriate activities
47 and programs.

1 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This joint resolution designates January 13 of each year as
7 “Korean American Day” in New Jersey.

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12 barriers in America. They established a new home in a new land
13 through resilience, tenacious effort, and immense sacrifice, which
14 became the bedrock for their children and future generations of
15 Korean Americans.

16 Korean Americans have made significant contributions to the
17 economic vitality of the United States, and the global marketplace.
18 Their contributions include achievements in engineering,
19 architecture, medicine, the arts, and writing.

20 Korean Americans have also made enormous contributions to the
21 military strength of the United States and served with distinction in
22 the Armed Forces during World War I, World War II, the Vietnam
23 conflict, the Korean conflict, and subsequent military conflicts
24 across the globe.

25 This State should commemorate the arrival of the first Korean
26 immigrants to the United States, and recognize the invaluable
27 contributions Korean Americans have made to the United States.