
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL KOREANS BY DIRECTING THE PLACEMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE DESIGNATING THE FORMER SITE OF THE KOREAN BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH.

1 WHEREAS, beginning with the first group of 102 on the S.S.
2 Gaelic, which arrived at Honolulu Harbor on January 13, 1903,
3 approximately 7,400 Koreans were admitted to Hawaii through
4 August 1905, and the 1910 census listed 4,533 Koreans living in
5 the Hawaiian Islands; and

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7 WHEREAS, Koreans urged Hawaiian Methodist Mission to
8 establish a school for Korean boys with the assistance of a
9 \$2,000 pledge; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Korean Boarding School for Boys opened its
12 doors to 65 boys in the fall of 1906 at the old North Pacific
13 Institute, or Doctor Hyde's Theological Seminary on Punchbowl
14 Street near Beretania Street, at the present Kalanimoku Building
15 site; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Korean Methodist Church was also located at
18 one of the buildings and the site was commonly known as the
19 Korean Compound; and

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21 WHEREAS, the school changed its name to Korean Central
22 School and admitted female students in the fall of 1913, the
23 first coeducational institution for Koreans in the world; and

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25 WHEREAS, the school closed its doors in the fall of 1918
26 and the Korean Methodist Church was relocated to Fort Street;
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29 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the location of the
30 Korean Boarding School for Boys and the Korean Methodist Church
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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested to direct the placement of a commemorative plaque, to be funded by the Korean community, that designates the former site of the Korean Boarding School for Boys and the Korean Methodist Church, as follows:

- (1) The plaque is to be made of bronze, measuring no larger than twenty-four by fifteen inches, to be mounted on twenty-four inch high pedestals made of stone or cement block;
- (2) The plaque is to be placed at an appropriate site at the Punchbowl Street side of the Kalanimoku Building near the Punchbowl exit; and
- (3) The plaque is to read in English and Korean "Korean Boarding School for Boys and Korean Methodist Church Site 1906-1918"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller, and Korean National Association.