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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL KOREANS BY DIRECTING  
THE PLACEMENT OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES DESIGNATING THE  
FORMER SITES OF THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

1           WHEREAS, in September 1918, Dr. Syngman Rhee, who was  
2 elected president of the Republic of Korea in 1948, established  
3 the Korean Christian Institute in Hawaii; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Korean Christian Institute was a coeducational  
6 school for grades 1 through 8 and was first located at 3320  
7 Waiialae Avenue, the site of the old Aliiolani College, presently  
8 Aliiolani Elementary School, located at 1240 7th Avenue; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the Korean Christian Institute was relocated in  
11 1922 to the present Kalihi Elementary School site at 2471 Kula  
12 Kolea Drive; and  
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14          WHEREAS, after producing almost 300 graduates, the Korean  
15 Christian Institute closed in 1947 and its twenty-four acre site  
16 was sold to a developer in 1950; and  
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18          WHEREAS, subsequently, a singly family subdivision was  
19 developed and the developer named a street Kula (school) Kolea  
20 (Korea) in honor of the school that once existed at the site;  
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23          WHEREAS, funds from the sale of the school site became the  
24 seed money for establishing Inha University in Incheon, Korea;  
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27          WHEREAS, President Syngman Rhee, who lived in Hawaii for a  
28 quarter century from 1913 through 1945, wanted to remember  
29 Hawaii's Koreans by naming the school Inha for Incheon, the port  
30 city where Korean immigration started and Hawaii, where Koreans  
31 supported the independence movement to regain sovereignty of  
32 Korea from Japanese occupation; and



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2 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize both locations of the  
3 Korean Christian Institute, with bronze plaques; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is  
8 requested to direct the placement of two plaques to be funded by  
9 the Korean community as follows:

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11 (1) The plaques are to be made of bronze, measuring no  
12 larger than twenty-four by fifteen inches, to be  
13 mounted on twenty-four inch high pedestals made of  
14 stone or cement block;  
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16 (2) One plaque is to be placed at an appropriate site at  
17 the Waiialae Avenue side of the playground of Aliiolani  
18 Elementary School and to read in English and Korean  
19 "Korean Christian Institute Site 1918 - 1922"; and  
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21 (3) One plaque is to be placed at an appropriate site at  
22 the front of the administration building at Kalihi  
23 Elementary School and to read in English and Korean  
24 "Korean Christian Institute Site 1922 - 1947"; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation  
27 Division is requested to work with the Korean National  
28 Association in the design of the two plaques to ensure that the  
29 plaques meet all signage requirements for historic properties;  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
33 and General Services is requested to coordinate the installation  
34 of the plaques; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
38 Comptroller, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
39 Resources, and Korean National Association.

