
SENATE 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 the 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 girl students in the fall of 1913, the first
23 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
31 with a bronze plaque; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
5 requested to direct the placement of a plaque to be funded by
6 the Korean community as follows:

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8 (1) The plaque is to be made of bronze, measuring no
9 larger than twenty-four by fifteen inches, to be
10 mounted on twenty-four inch high pedestals made of
11 stone or cement block;

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13 (2) The plaque is to be placed at an appropriate site at
14 the Punchbowl Street side of the Kalanimoku Building
15 near the Punchbowl exit; and

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17 (3) The plaque is to read in English and Korean "Korean
18 Boarding School for Boys and Korean Methodist Church
19 Site, 1906 - 1918"; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation
22 Division is requested to work with the Korean National
23 Association in the design of the plaque to ensure that the
24 plaque meets all signage requirements for historic properties;
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
28 and General Services is requested to coordinate the installation
29 of the plaque; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
33 Comptroller, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
34 Resources, and Korean National Association.

