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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING GOVERNOR LINDA LINGLE TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL KOREANS BY  
ALLOWING A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE DESIGNATING THE FORMER SITE  
OF THE KOREAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

1           WHEREAS, on January 13, 1903, the first wave of one hundred  
2 and two immigrants from Korea arrived at Honolulu Harbor on the  
3 S.S. Gaelic to work on Hawaii's sugar plantations as contract  
4 laborers, to be followed in the next two and one-half years by  
5 approximately seven thousand four hundred Koreans; and  
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7           WHEREAS, on February 1, 1909, Koreans in Hawaii organized  
8 the Korean National Association, which would eventually become  
9 the oldest Korean organization in America; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Washington Place is the official residence of the  
12 Governor of Hawaii; and  
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14           WHEREAS, on December 14, 1914, the Korean National  
15 Association constructed its headquarters at 1306 Miller Lane,  
16 the same property as today's Washington Place, where it stood  
17 until 1946, when it was subjected to friendly condemnation in  
18 December 1945 by the Territory of Hawaii for expansion of the  
19 Governor's Mansion; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Korean National Association worked from the  
22 Washington Place site for thirty-two years to provide financial  
23 assistance, publish a Korean vernacular newspaper, and promote  
24 general welfare programs for the aging population of local  
25 Koreans; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Korean National Association, also known as  
28 Kook Min Hur of Hawaii, is currently dedicated to serving  
29 others, preserving the history of the State of Hawaii, donating  
30 to various nonprofit charities and organizations, and supporting  
31 community events, and the Association is a major participant in



1 the Korean Festival in Hawaii - all a reflection of the  
2 indomitable spirit of the Korean people; and

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4 WHEREAS, February 1, 2009, marked the 100th anniversary of  
5 the Korean National Association, coincidental with the 50th  
6 anniversary of Hawaii statehood; and

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8 WHEREAS, a plaque to honor, commemorate, and remember the  
9 immigration of Koreans to Hawaii would be proper and fitting;  
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12 WHEREAS, the location of the plaque should rightfully be on  
13 the premises of Washington Place, previously the headquarters of  
14 the Korean National Association; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that Governor Linda Lingle is  
19 requested to direct the placement of a plaque to be funded by  
20 the Korean community as follows:

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22 (1) The plaque is to be made of bronze, measuring no  
23 larger than twenty-four by fifteen inches, to be  
24 mounted on a twenty-four inch high pedestal made of  
25 stone or cement block;

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27 (2) The plaque is to be placed at an appropriate site to  
28 be determined; and

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30 (3) The plaque should read "Korean National Association  
31 Headquarters Site, December 1914 - July 1946"; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii  
35 and to the Korean National Association.

