
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 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 House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested
8 to direct the placement of two plaques to be funded by the
9 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 certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
28 Comptroller, and Korean National Association.
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OFFERED BY:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Amara", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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