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# HOUSE 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 Waialae 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 24 acre site was sold  
16 to a developer in 1950; and  
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18          WHEREAS, subsequently, a single 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  
28 more than a quarter of a century from 1913 through 1945, wanted  
29 to remember Hawaii's Koreans by naming the school Inha for  
30 Incheon, the port city where Korean immigration started, and  
31 Hawaii, where Koreans supported the independence movement to  
32 regain sovereignty of Korea from Japanese occupation; and



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

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11 (1) The plaques are to be made of bronze, measuring no  
12 larger than 24 by 15 inches, to be mounted on 24 inch  
13 high pedestals made of stone or cement block;

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15 (2) One plaque is to be placed at an appropriate site at  
16 the Waiialae Avenue side of the playground of Aliiolani  
17 Elementary School and to read in English and Korean  
18 "Korean Christian Institute Site 1918 - 1922"; and  
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21 (3) The other plaque is to be placed at an appropriate  
22 site at the front of the administration building at  
23 Kalihi Elementary School and to read in English and  
24 Korean "Korean Christian Institute Site 1922 - 1947";  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Historic Preservation  
28 Division is requested to work with the Korean National  
29 Association in the design of the two plaques to ensure that the  
30 plaques meet all signage requirements for historic properties;  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting  
34 and General Services is requested to coordinate the installation  
35 of the plaques; and

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

