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# 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 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 certified copies of this  
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
 28 Comptroller, and Korean National Association.  
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