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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING AUGUST 15, 2017, AS "KOREA DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Jacquard, McEntee, Shekarchi, Morgan, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: May 24, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The cornerstone of Rhode Island's founding principles is acceptance and
2 equality for the numerous beliefs and various cultures that make our state and this country so
3 great, and thus we are proud to be the home of numerous ethnic communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Korean American community imparts a rich history and
5 vitality through their presence; and

6 WHEREAS, Our state's identity and strength is reflected in the observances celebrated by
7 its various cultures and populations. Korea gained its independence from Japanese colonial rule
8 on August 15, 1945, and the Republic of Korea was established three years later. It is an historic
9 day commemorated with festivals and celebrations; and

10 WHEREAS, The Korean American Association of Rhode Island (KAARI) is a domestic
11 non-profit corporation founded in 1975. The organization is dedicated to promoting friendship,
12 welfare, and education among its members and contributes to beneficial cultural exchanges and
13 international goodwill between Koreans and Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1979, former Governor Garrahy declared August 15th to be the first
15 "Korea Day" in Rhode Island, however, the tradition was not continued until 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, The Korean community in Rhode Island is an essential element in our state's
17 journey towards understanding, mutual respect, and common purpose for all people; now,
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby celebrates August 15, 2017, as "Korea Day" in the State of Rhode
2 Island. We furthermore extend our deepest respect and appreciation to the Rhode Island Korean
3 community for all that it has contributed to the rich diversity of our state and New England as a
4 whole; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Korean American Association of Rhode
7 Island.

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