

House Resolution 154

By: Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Park of the 101st, Trammell of the 132nd, Petrea of the 166th, Clark of the 98th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring February 12, 2019, as Korean American Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants to the United States
4 initiated the beginning of Korean immigration to the United States; and

5 WHEREAS the first generation of Korean immigrants established a new home in a new land
6 through resilience, tenacious effort, and immense sacrifice, which became the bedrock for
7 their children and future generations of Korean Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, Korean Americans, like immigrants to the United States before and after them,
9 have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and
10 countless hours of hard work; and

11 WHEREAS, members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in
12 the armed forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict in
13 Korea; and

14 WHEREAS, Korean Americans have made significant political, cultural, social, and
15 economic contributions to the State of Georgia, the United States, and the global
16 marketplace; and

17 WHEREAS, more than 120,000 Korean Americans call Georgia home, and Korean is the
18 third most spoken language in the State of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, prominent leaders and organizations have helped the Korean American
20 community in Georgia to thrive, including the Korean American Foundation led by President
21 Michael Park, the Korean American Association of Greater Atlanta led by President Il Hong
22 Kim, the National Unification Advisory Council led by Eric Kim, the Federation of Korean

23 Associations Southeast led by Kang Sik Kim, the Korean Consulate of Atlanta led by the
24 Honorable Consul General Young Jun Kim, the Korean American Coalition led by Caroline
25 Um, the many Korean American Trade Associations in Georgia, and others; and

26 WHEREAS, for their outstanding contributions to community service, civic engagement, and
27 cross-cultural education, we honor and thank Shreve Lee, Baik Kyu Kim, Chai Won Kim,
28 Councilman John Park, and Stephanie Cho for their steadfast support for the Korean
29 American community in Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, Pastor Byeongcheol Han on behalf of the more than 500 Korean American
31 churches in Georgia served as Pastor of the Day; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the innumerable contributions of this
33 outstanding group of Americans be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize February 12, 2019, as Korean American Day at the state
36 capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
39 public and the press.