

## House Resolution 571

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 100th Anniversary of the Korean Independence  
2 Movement; and for other purposes

3 WHEREAS, March 1, 2019, marks the 100th Anniversary of the Korean Independence  
4 Movement; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of Korea remain steadfast allies in the  
6 pursuit of peace, freedom, and democracy, both in the Asia-Pacific region and throughout  
7 the world; and

8 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1919, the people of Korea gathered in Seoul, the capital of Korea,  
9 protesting colonial rule in accordance with the Korean Declaration of Independence to  
10 demand independence, peace, democracy, human rights, and a free and equal democratic  
11 republic; and

12 WHEREAS, among the one million of those who participated, 7,000 people were killed,  
13 16,000 were wounded, 46,000 were arrested, and 10,000 were tried and convicted; and

14 WHEREAS, the Korean Independence Movement ultimately resulted in the formation of a  
15 Korean provisional government in exile; many of the legal traditions of the modern-day  
16 Republic of Korea can be traced back to the provisional government, including the nation's  
17 commitment to peace, human rights, and a free and equal democracy; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Republic of Korea will commemorate the historic centennial  
19 anniversary of the Korean Independence Movement by laying a foundation for an exchange  
20 program with North Korea based on the two nations' shared history during the movement;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the joint commemoration of the Korean Independence Movement between the  
23 two nations represents a symbol of reconciliation, unity, and peace for the future; and

24 WHEREAS, nearly two million Korean Americans make countless contributions to life in  
25 the United States and the State of Georgia as leaders in a variety of professions and as  
26 engaged members of society; the robust Korean American community in Georgia marks the  
27 centennial anniversary of the Korean Independence Movement through many special events;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the National Advisory Unification Council and its president, Eric Kim, have led  
30 efforts to find peaceful resolution between the Republic of Korea and North Korea through  
31 communication and people-centered policy and have made valuable contributions to the  
32 Korean American community in Georgia.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize and commend the 100th Anniversary of the Korean  
35 Independence Movement.

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