

Senate Resolution 679

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th and Thompson of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring January 13, 2016, 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 first chapter of Korean immigration to the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in
6 the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict
7 in Korea; and

8 WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and
9 desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities; and

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

13 WHEREAS, the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the
14 invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development
15 of the nectarine, a four-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering,
16 architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing; and

17 WHEREAS, the population of Korean Americans in Georgia has increased 95 percent in the
18 last decade, making them an important and integral part of communities across our state; and

19 WHEREAS, Korean Americans have designated January 13, 2016, as "Korean American
20 Day" to memorialize the more than 100 year journey of Korean Americans in the United
21 States.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize January 13, 2016, as Korean American Day at the State Capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
26 press.