

HOUSE BILL 439

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Korean American Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as
4 Korean American Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – State Government

7 Section 13–410

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, On January 13, 1903, the first Korean immigrant arrived in the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, These first immigrants and their descendants faced and overcame
14 difficult conditions and created a successful and distinct community that has fought
15 for our nation’s freedom and democratic way of life and has promoted free enterprise, a
16 commitment to hard work, and an intense value for education; and

17 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we celebrate and honor Korean immigration
18 to the United States and its invaluable contributions to our rich cultural diversity,
19 economic strength, and proud heritage; and

20 WHEREAS, The contributions of Korean Americans can be seen in business,
21 academia, engineering, medicine, literature, journalism, military service, and other
22 areas of achievement in Maryland; now, therefore,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – State Government**

4 **13-410.**

5 **IN RECOGNITION OF THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS**
6 **THAT KOREAN AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR**
7 **ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM JANUARY 13 AS KOREAN AMERICAN DAY.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2011.