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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The year 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the  
2 alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1953, three years after the outbreak of war on the  
4 Korean Peninsula, the United States and the Republic of Korea  
5 signed a mutual defense treaty to strengthen their efforts for  
6 collective defense; the decades since have witnessed the evolution  
7 of this security relationship into a comprehensive global  
8 partnership; the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to a  
9 global comprehensive strategic alliance in May 2022; reflecting the  
10 importance of this friendship, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol  
11 is only the second world leader invited for a state visit by the  
12 current administration; he will be welcomed at the White House on  
13 April 26, 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, The rise of the Republic of Korea is one of the most  
15 remarkable success stories of the post-World War II era; in  
16 partnership with the United States, the nation has promoted  
17 regional and global prosperity stemming from shared values of  
18 democracy, free markets, human rights, and the rule of law; and

19 WHEREAS, One of the linchpins of United States foreign  
20 policy, the Republic of Korea has played a vital role in maintaining  
21 peace and stability in Asia and the world; moreover, the close ties  
22 between our nations have enabled invaluable coordination and  
23 cooperation in confronting global health crises, including H1N1 and  
24 COVID-19; the United States and the Republic of Korea have plans to

1 continue their collaboration in the years to come, working together  
2 to stabilize the global supply chain and to develop cutting-edge  
3 technologies, including semiconductors, autonomous robotics, and  
4 artificial intelligence; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to its longstanding relationship with  
6 the United States as a whole, the Republic of Korea has a strong  
7 connection to the Lone Star State in particular; Texas is home to  
8 more than 110,000 Korean Americans, and the Republic of Korea is the  
9 state's sixth-largest trading partner; and

10 WHEREAS, Bound together by mutual respect and appreciation,  
11 as well as common interests, the Republic of Korea and the United  
12 States take pride in an enduring friendship that has fostered  
13 security, economic growth, and meaningful connections among the  
14 people of both our nations; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
16 hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the alliance between the  
17 Republic of Korea and the United States.