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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The year 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States; and 3 4 WHEREAS, In 1953, three years after the outbreak of war on the Korean Peninsula, the United States and the Republic of Korea 5 signed a mutual defense treaty to strengthen their efforts for 6 7 collective defense; the decades since have witnessed the evolution this security relationship into a comprehensive 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 15 WHEREAS, The rise of the Republic of Korea is one of the most remarkable success stories of the post-World War II era; 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 20 WHEREAS, One of the linchpins of United States foreign policy, the Republic of Korea has played a vital role in maintaining 21 22 peace and stability in Asia and the world; moreover, the close ties

between our nations have enabled invaluable coordination and

cooperation in confronting global health crises, including H1N1 and

- 1 COVID-19; the United States and the Republic of Korea have plans to
- 2 continue their collaboration in the years to come, working together
- 3 to stabilize the global supply chain and to develop cutting-edge
- 4 technologies, including semiconductors, autonomous robotics, and
- 5 artificial intelligence; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In addition to its longstanding relationship with
- 7 the United States as a whole, the Republic of Korea has a strong
- 8 connection to the Lone Star State in particular; Texas is home to
- 9 more than 110,000 Korean Americans, and the Republic of Korea is the
- 10 state's sixth-largest trading partner; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Bound together by mutual respect and appreciation,
- 12 as well as common interests, the Republic of Korea and the United
- 13 States take pride in an enduring friendship that has fostered
- 14 security, economic growth, and meaningful connections among the
- 15 people of both our nations; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 17 hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the alliance between the
- 18 Republic of Korea and the United States.