

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 449

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor Austin's sister city Gwangmyeong and welcome the delegation from the Korean city to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Gwangmyeong is a municipality located southwest of Seoul; it became the 10th sister city of Austin in 2000, during Senator Kirk Watson's tenure as mayor, and the friendship between the cities has continued to grow, nurtured by the hospitality of the citizens of each city; and

WHEREAS, Gwangmyeong is establishing itself as a center for the music industry in Korea; a huge portion of the city will be dedicated as Music Valley, where many record and production companies will be located and where there will be several performing venues and subsidized housing facilities for new artists; and

WHEREAS, Gwangmyeong started a music festival three years ago; the city's delegates in Austin will attend the South by Southwest Music Festival in which Korean rock bands are performing; and

WHEREAS, While at the Capitol, the Korean delegation from Gwangmyeong will visit the Korean War Memorial to pay tribute to fallen soldiers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin is fortunate to have Gwangmyeong as its sister city and to share such a special relationship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the City of Gwangmyeong and extend to its representatives best wishes for a memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Uresti, Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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