SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Elementary and Secondary School Teachers of English and to extend a warm welcome to the Korean exchange teachers participating in this outstanding program as they visit Texas in January and February of 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Elementary and Secondary School Teachers of English is one of 51 nonprofit Fulbright commissions worldwide, and its board of directors includes Koreans and Americans representing government, education, and the private sector; since its establishment in Austin in 2002, the institute's professional and scholarly exchange program has helped promote understanding between the United States and Korea; and

WHEREAS, Korean teachers participating in the program enhance their knowledge of teaching methodology, techniques, and materials relating to American English as a second language and broaden their understanding of American culture and society; and

WHEREAS, The Korean teachers develop relationships with American colleagues and improve their English skills through advanced content-based instruction and reinforcement of language-learning strategies; and

WHEREAS, The program includes a four-week residency in Austin and a two-week secondary school site residency in schools around the state, and it ends with a one-week period of reflection and integration back in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Program participants observe a variety of elementary and secondary school classes, give cultural presentations on Korea, collaborate with teacher mentors, and observe schoolwide activities at their host schools; and

WHEREAS, The Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Elementary and Secondary School Teachers of English is being hosted for the 14th year by the Texas Intensive English Program in Austin; Dr. Terry Simon serves as director; Dr. Woody Smith serves as program director; and Dr. John Schmidt, Mimi Parris, Rebecca Fletcher, Dr. Michael Hydak, Anni Lindenberg, Abbey Maedgen, Jill Rolston-Yates, Evelyn Saucier, and Mary Gordon Spence are the participating Texas International Education Consortium faculty members; and

WHEREAS, The Korean high school exchange teachers visiting Texas are Ahn Jinseok, Choi Songyi, Jeong Oksun, Jeong Yoon Jeong, Jung Yonkyu, Kim Bok Soon, Kim Jinyoung, Kim Kiyul, Kim Sanga, Kwon Jaein, Lee Eun Hye, Lee Jeongah, Lee Jeongyeon, Lee Jongjik, Lee Luri, Lee Minju, Lee Teukwoo, Song Mikyung, Yang Juyoun, and Yun So-young; and

WHEREAS, The Korean middle school exchange teachers are Cho Jiheui, Choi Sumi, Ha Youngshin, Han So Young, Jang Bo Young, Kwon Jeana, Lee Seungah, Lee Yun Mi, Park Jinhyang; and

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WHEREAS, The Korean elementary school exchange teachers are Choi Romi, Jeong Munhee, Jung Youngja, Kim Youkwang, Lim Young, Oh Soyeong, Oh Youngwon, Sun Mi Yeob; and

WHEREAS, It is a genuine pleasure to offer these teachers the warm hospitality of the Lone Star State, and it is sincerely hoped that their visit has been a most enjoyable one; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend to the Korean teachers visiting Texas a warm welcome and best wishes for further success in all their future endeavors; and, be it further

 ${\tt RESOLVED}, \ {\tt That} \ {\tt a} \ {\tt copy} \ {\tt of} \ {\tt this} \ {\tt Resolution} \ {\tt be} \ {\tt prepared} \ {\tt for} \ {\tt them} \ {\tt as} \ {\tt an} \ {\tt expression} \ {\tt of} \ {\tt high} \ {\tt regard} \ {\tt from} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt Texas} \ {\tt Senate}.$

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate