

House Resolution 457

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Jong Ho Lee on his outstanding accomplishments; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jong Ho Lee has long been recognized for the vital role that he has played in
4 leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of all citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, born in South Korea on February 25, 1941, he was the first in his family to
6 graduate from high school and attended Kyung Hee University on an athletic scholarship for
7 handball; and in 1962, he became a member of the national handball team; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a military police officer in the Vietnam War and returned home to
9 graduate from Kyung Hee University in 1966 before immigrating to the United States and
10 settling in Savannah, Georgia, in 1969; and

11 WHEREAS, Jong Ho Lee was appointed as the first president of the Korean Sports
12 Federation and opened a Taekwondo studio in 1974, the same year he obtained his 7th degree
13 black belt; and he was appointed as the first Georgia president of the United States
14 Taekwondo Union and later founded Taekwondo Aerobics; and

15 WHEREAS, he has attended multiple Olympic games, serving as a volunteer in various
16 administrative and operational positions; and

17 WHEREAS, he returned to Korea in 1989 to organize, direct, and produce the Korean
18 National Competitive Aerobic Federation, and, after coming back to Savannah, Georgia, in
19 1992, he became active in the Savannah sports community, becoming the Savannah yacht
20 regatta operations director for the Korean Team at the pre-Olympic Games, the Korean
21 American Olympic Games Committee President, and Team Savannah's weight lifting senior
22 citizen fitness program education director; and

23 WHEREAS, for the past 17 years, he has been a member of the Savannah Asian Festival
24 planning committee; and

25 WHEREAS, this outstanding gentleman has received numerous honors and awards,
26 including commendation awards from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry
27 of Foreign Affairs Office, the World Taekwondo Federation, and the South Korea Peace
28 Maker Member, as well as the Jack Kingston Outstanding Commitment and Service to the
29 Savannah Community Award; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of Jong
31 Ho Lee be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Jong Ho Lee for his unselfish and dedicated public
34 service and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jong Ho Lee.