

## House Resolution 35

By: Representative Glanton of the 75<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 26, 2015, as Korean American Appreciation Day at the state capitol and  
2 inviting dignitaries Seong-jin KIM, Uncha-Yi Shreve, Young-Rok Oh, Baek-Kyu Kim, and  
3 James Song to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Congress's approval of Korean American Day in December,  
5 2005, legitimized Americans of Korean heritage as fundamental players within mainstream  
6 America and was an inspiring moment in the Korean American community; and

7 WHEREAS, the first wave of Korean immigration to the United States began on January 13,  
8 1903, when 102 pioneer immigrants arrived to the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Korean Americans, like waves of immigrants to the United States before them,  
10 have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and  
11 countless hours of hard work; and

12 WHEREAS, the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the  
13 invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development  
14 of the nectarine, a four-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering,  
15 architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing; and

16 WHEREAS, the population of Korean Americans in Georgia has increased 95 percent in the  
17 last decade, making them an important and integral part of communities across this state; and

18 WHEREAS, the Korean American community has provided many valuable contributions to  
19 this state and the United States, making it fitting and proper that January 26, 2015, be  
20 recognized as Korean American Appreciation Day at the state capitol.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize January 26, 2015, as Korean American Appreciation

23 Day at the state capitol and invite dignitaries Seong-jin KIM, Uncha-Yi Shreve, Young-Rok  
24 Oh, Baek-Kyu Kim, and James Song to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a  
25 date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 Korean American Foundation of Atlanta.