

House Resolution 708

By: Representatives Pak of the 108th, O'Neal of the 146th, and Abrams of the 89th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring January 13, 2016, as Korean American Day at the State Capitol
2 and inviting Korean American dignitaries to be recognized by the House of Representatives;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants to the United States
5 initiated the first chapter of Korean immigration to the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in
7 the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict
8 in Korea; and

9 WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and
10 desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Korean Americans have designated January 13, 2015, as "Korean American
21 Day" to memorialize the more than 100 year journey of Korean Americans in the United
22 States.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body shall recognize January 13, 2016, as Korean American Day at the
25 State Capitol and inviting Korean American dignitaries to be recognized by the House of
26 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Korean
30 American dignitaries.