

Senate Resolution 333

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Dugan of the 30th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the March First Movement and Korea's declaration
2 of independence from the Empire of Japan; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1919, the people of Korea gathered in Seoul, the capital of Korea,
4 to proclaim they would no longer be subject to Japan's imperial rule and to demand
5 independence, peace, democracy, human rights, and a free and equal democratic republic;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Korean Declaration of Independence, inspired by President Woodrow
8 Wilson's Fourteen Points, calls for national self-determination, justice, humanity, survival,
9 and dignity; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 2,000,000 Koreans participated in demonstrations for Korean
11 independence and over 7,000 Koreans lost their lives in the process; and

12 WHEREAS, the March First Movement directly led to the establishment of the Korean
13 Provisional Government in Shanghai and brought worldwide attention to their efforts for
14 independence; and

15 WHEREAS, the people of Korea fought for 36 years under the oppression of Imperialist
16 Japan for independence; and

17 WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea has been a proud partner both militarily and
18 economically with the United States since its inception over 70 years ago; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States fought side by side with the Korean people to repel the Soviet
20 Union-supported Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (North Korea) attacks during the
21 Korean War; and

22 WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea and the United States are committed to a denuclearized
23 Korean Peninsula and a peaceful end to the Korean war; and

24 WHEREAS, in both the Republic of Korea and North Korea, March 1st is designated as a
25 national holiday; and

26 WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea's President Moon Jae-in invited the North Korean leader
27 Kim Jong Un to a joint celebration of the 100th anniversary of the March First Movement
28 in the spirit of unity; and

29 WHEREAS, both President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea and President Donald
30 Trump of the United States have participated in summits with North Korean leader Kim Jong
31 Un in the pursuit of peace on the Korean Peninsula; and

32 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has consistently demonstrated strong bipartisan
33 support for its ally, the Republic of Korea.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 observe and congratulate the people of Korea on the 100th anniversary of Korea's March
36 First Movement and a path to independence; recognize the importance of the alliance
37 between the United States and the Republic of Korea to the stability of the region and the
38 prosperity of both countries; commend the steps for a unified and denuclearized Korean
39 Peninsula that have been accomplished and efforts that still must be made; and reaffirm the
40 United States commitment to the Republic of Korea's independence, sovereignty, and safety.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Consulate
43 General of the Republic of Korea.