

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The year 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the
3 alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States; and4 WHEREAS, In 1953, three years after the outbreak of war on the
5 Korean Peninsula, the United States and the Republic of Korea
6 signed a mutual defense treaty to strengthen their efforts for
7 collective defense; the decades since have witnessed the evolution
8 of this security relationship into a comprehensive global
9 partnership; the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to a
10 global comprehensive strategic alliance in May 2022; reflecting the
11 importance of this friendship, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol
12 is only the second world leader invited for a state visit by the
13 current administration; he will be welcomed at the White House on
14 April 26, 2023; and15 WHEREAS, The rise of the Republic of Korea is one of the most
16 remarkable success stories of the post-World War II era; in
17 partnership with the United States, the nation has promoted
18 regional and global prosperity stemming from shared values of
19 democracy, free markets, human rights, and the rule of law; and20 WHEREAS, One of the linchpins of United States foreign
21 policy, the Republic of Korea has played a vital role in maintaining
22 peace and stability in Asia and the world; moreover, the close ties
23 between our nations have enabled invaluable coordination and
24 cooperation in confronting global health crises, including H1N1 and

1 COVID-19; the United States and the Republic of Korea have plans to
2 continue their collaboration in the years to come, working together
3 to stabilize the global supply chain and to develop cutting-edge
4 technologies, including semiconductors, autonomous robotics, and
5 artificial intelligence; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to its longstanding relationship with
7 the United States as a whole, the Republic of Korea has a strong
8 connection to the Lone Star State in particular; Texas is home to
9 more than 110,000 Korean Americans, and the Republic of Korea is the
10 state's sixth-largest trading partner; and

11 WHEREAS, Bound together by mutual respect and appreciation,
12 as well as common interests, the Republic of Korea and the United
13 States take pride in an enduring friendship that has fostered
14 security, economic growth, and meaningful connections among the
15 people of both our nations; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the alliance between the
18 Republic of Korea and the United States.