

Senate Resolution 355

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Beach of the 21st, Strickland of the 17th, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Senate American Korean Friendship Caucus; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 courageous immigrants to the United
3 States initiated the beginning of Korean immigration to the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, these pioneer Korean immigrants overcame tremendous social and economic
5 obstacles to establish a new home in a new land through resilience, tenacious effort, and
6 immense sacrifice, which served as a foundation for their children and future generations of
7 Korean Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 130 Korean companies have invested approximately \$14.5 billion
9 in foreign direct investments throughout the State of Georgia, which has strengthened the
10 economic partnership and diplomatic relationship between the Republic of Korea and the
11 State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has long enjoyed fruitful and mutually beneficial bilateral
13 ties with the Republic of Korea, including \$13.08 billion in total trade and \$1 billion in
14 exports to Korea during Fiscal Year 2022, representing a 35 and 17 percent increase
15 respectively from 2021; and

16 WHEREAS, co-chaired by senators Brandon Beach and Michael "Doc" Rhett, the Senate
17 American Korean Friendship Caucus was recently created to promote American and Korean
18 cultural and economic friendships and honor the historical relationship between the militaries
19 and veterans of America and Korea; and

20 WHEREAS, the relationship between this state and Korea is further served by the Consulate
21 General of the Republic of Korea located in Atlanta, which serves Georgia, Alabama,
22 Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and the United States
23 Virgin Islands; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this new caucus as well
25 as those who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Korean American community in this
26 state be appropriately honored for their work.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Senate American Korean Friendship Caucus as well as all those whose efforts
29 have enriched and promoted the relationship between the State of Georgia and the Republic
30 of Korea.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
33 press.