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Commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the
Republic of Korea.

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ROHRABACHER,
Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. KIM) submitted
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Inter-
national Relations

RESOLUTION

Commemorating 50 years of relations between the United
States and the Republic of Korea.

Whereas the Republic of Korea was established 50 years ago
on August 15, 1948;

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Korea have
long had a close relationship based on mutual respect,
shared security goals, and common interests and values;

Whereas the United States relies on the Republic of Korea
as a partner and treaty ally in fostering regional stability,
enhancing prosperity, and promoting peace and democ-
racy;

Whereas the American military personnel who are, and have been, stationed on the Korean Peninsula have been key in deterring armed aggression for more than 4 decades;

Whereas South Korean soldiers fought alongside American troops on the battlefields of Korea and Vietnam;

Whereas the Republic of Korea has embraced economic reform and free market principles in response to current economic circumstances;

Whereas the Republic of Korea is an important trading partner of the United States, the recipient of significant direct American investment, and a prominent investor in the United States;

Whereas the large Korean-American community has made significant contributions to American society and culture;

Whereas the people of the Republic of Korea have demonstrated their strong commitment to democratic principles and practices through free and fair elections; and

Whereas the state visit of President Kim Dae-jung to the United States offers the people of the United States and the people of South Korea an opportunity to renew their commitment to international cooperation on issues of mutual interest and concern: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the Republic of Korea on the
3 50th anniversary of its founding;

4 (2) commends the people of the Republic of
5 Korea on the peaceful democratic transition that has
6 taken place during the most recent Presidential elec-
7 tions;

1 (3) supports the government of President Kim
2 Dae-jung as it takes appropriate measures to ad-
3 dress the problems in the Korean economy;

4 (4) confirms that the question of peace, secu-
5 rity, and reunification on the Korean Peninsula is,
6 first and foremost, a matter for the Korean people
7 to decide and that the Four-Party Peace Talks com-
8 plement direct North-South dialog; and

9 (5) looks forward to a broadening and deepen-
10 ing of friendship and cooperation with the Republic
11 of Korea in the years ahead for the mutual benefit
12 of the people of the United States and the people of
13 the Republic of Korea.

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