

# SENATE BILL No. 730

October 6, 2011, Introduced by Senators HOPGOOD, PAPPAGEORGE, BRANDENBURG, WARREN, KOWALL, HOOD, BOOHER and ANDERSON and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate January 13 of each year as Korean American Day in the state of Michigan.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the contributions that  
2       the Korean American community has made throughout this state and  
3       acknowledges their contributions in building and enhancing the  
4       culture of our state and nation. The legislature honors the first  
5       Korean immigrants who arrived in Hawaii on January 13, 1903, many  
6       of whom later settled along the Pacific Coast as farm workers or  
7       wage laborers in mining companies or section hands on the  
8       railroads. The Korean American community has blossomed to a  
9       population of nearly 2,000,000 in the United States, and the state  
10      of Michigan is fortunate to be the home of a large concentration of  
11      citizens who are of Korean descent. Korean Americans have made and

1 will continue to make great contributions to the economic and  
2 cultural strength of this state.

3 (2) In recognition of the contributions that the Korean  
4 American community has made, the legislature declares that January  
5 13 of each year shall be known as "Korean American Day".