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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew H. Cuomo to proclaim August 15, 2013, as Korean Independence Day in New York State

WHEREAS, The year 2013 will mark the 68th Anniversary of Korean Independence; and

WHEREAS, On August 15, 1945 South Korea gained its independence from Imperial Japan's colonial rule; and

WHEREAS, GWANGBOKJEOL, ("Restoration of Light Day") is celebrated annually on August 15, and is a public holiday in South Korea, commemorating Victory over Japan Day, which is the day the United States and their allies liberated Korea from Japanese rule; and

WHEREAS, The Korean descendants who immigrated to the state of New York have become an invaluable part of our community fabric; upholding the ideals of freedom, liberty, and equality with continued civic participation to strengthen the foundation of democracy; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should take note of those citizens in this State who are of Korean descent and who have contributed with the unparalleled dedication and services to the educational, social, economic and cultural values; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim August 13, 2013, as Korean Independence Day in New York State, and to publicly encourage the citizens of New York to reflect upon the contributions of the Korean community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and to the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York, the Korean American Association of Greater New York, and the Korean American Association of Queens.