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HR-57 (2015-2016)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2015–2016 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 57

Introduced by Assembly Members Chang and Kim

June 29, 2016

Relative to Chuseok.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 57, as amended, Chang.

WHEREAS, Chuseok, also known as Hangawi, is one of the three most important holidays in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Chuseok, like Thanksgiving, is a holiday where people gather together with family to enjoy ~~good~~ *traditional* food and give thanks for the abundance in their lives; and

WHEREAS, The practice of celebrating Chuseok dates back to the early ~~Silla~~ *Silla* Dynasty. Traditional Chuseok celebrations include honoring ancestors, buying and wearing new clothes, *playing* folk games, and making and sharing special foods; and

WHEREAS, Before and during Chuseok, people honor their ancestors and other family members who have passed on by visiting and caring for their graves (seongmyo and beolcho) and holding memorial services (charye) for them, which include the offering of food and prayers; and

WHEREAS, Folk games and other customs engaged in during Chuseok include a circle dance performed by women or children (ganggangsullae), wrestling performed in a circular sandpit (ssireum), and traditional plays; and

WHEREAS, Special foods are an important part of Chuseok. The most iconic of these is songpyeon, rice cakes filled with sesame seeds, beans, or other ingredients, and steamed with pine needles, which the entire family gathers together on the eve of Chuseok to make; and

WHEREAS, Modern Chuseok celebrations also include the giving of gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances; and

WHEREAS, Every year, Chuseok takes place ~~on~~ *near* the fall equinox, *on* the 15th day of the eighth lunar month, and is celebrated over the course of the three-day period starting the day before that date. This year, the Chuseok holiday spans September 14 to September 16; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly celebrates and recognizes Chuseok; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.