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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 119

Introduced by Senator Min

August 12, 2024

Relative to Hanbok Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 119, Min.

WHEREAS, The hanbok is the traditional attire of the Korean people; and

WHEREAS, Korean Americans living in the State of California and elsewhere in the United States desire to contribute to and share their cultural heritage with the State of California and with the United States; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-six cities around the world, including the Cities of Abu Dhabi, Rome, Warsaw, São Paulo, and Budapest, celebrate Hanbok Day and participate in the cultural heritage by wearing the traditional hanbok; and

WHEREAS, The origin of the hanbok can be traced back to 2333 B.C.E., when the legendary god-king Dangun founded the first Korean kingdom, Gojoseon. Portraits of Dangun depict him dressed in garb resembling a hanbok; and

WHEREAS, During the 10th century A.D., the hanbok evolved to represent the influences of the period; and

WHEREAS, To contribute to the people of the State of California and to celebrate the diversity of American society, Korean Americans have worn the hanbok during many important events throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, The hanbok has been a continuous part of traditional Korean culture, society, and history for over 2,000 years; and

WHEREAS, The hanbok represents important ancient traditions that benefit all of society by demonstrating beauty, stability, and respect for ancient Korean tradition; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, the Republic of Korea declared October 21 as Hanbok Day; and

WHEREAS, The Korean American community desires to designate a special day, Hanbok Day, to invite all residents of California to share in its cultural heritage by wearing the traditional hanbok; and

WHEREAS, By recognizing Hanbok Day, Korean Americans encourage all citizens to participate and celebrate the beauty of Korean culture; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate proclaims October 21, 2024, and the same date each year thereafter, as Hanbok Day in the State of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.