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H. RES. 599

Honoring Byung Wook Yoon, Ph.D. for his outstanding service on behalf of the Korean American community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Byung Wook Yoon, Ph.D. for his outstanding service on behalf of the Korean American community.

Whereas, on January 13, 2012, the Korean American community in the United States celebrated Korean American Day initiated by Dr. Yoon;

Whereas this year marks the 109th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants to arrive in the United States;

Whereas in 2003, Dr. Yoon, then President of the Southern California Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States, began the campaign to establish a national Korean American Day;

Whereas in 2003, the Korean American Foundation was founded as the successor of the Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration with the goals of fostering pride in

Korean cultural heritage and traditions as well as establishing Korean American Day;

Whereas in 2004, Dr. Yoon became president of the Korean American Foundation, forming the National Committee of Korean American Day, successfully campaigning for the passage of legislation recognizing Korean American Day on the Federal, State, and local levels;

Whereas, on October 20, 2005, the U.S. Senate passed S. Res. 283, “Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of Korean American Day”;

Whereas, on December 13, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H. Res. 487 “Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day”, recognizing the many contributions of Americans of Korean descent to the life and cultural fabric of the United States;

Whereas Dr. Yoon is the recipient of the Presidential Award from the Republic of Korea;

Whereas Dr. Yoon received the first Grand Award for World Korean Day from the World Korean Interchange and Co-operation Association;

Whereas Dr. Yoon was honored with the first Grand Award for Korean American Day from the Korean American Foundation;

Whereas Dr. Yoon was selected as one of a group of 100 honorable Korean immigrants to the United States by the Korean American History Museum;

Whereas Dr. Yoon obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political and Diplomacy Science from Korea University and a Master of Arts in Journalism and Communication from Brigham Young University;

Whereas Dr. Yoon received honorary doctorates from Yuin University and the World Mission University;

Whereas Dr. Yoon's professional career has included serving as a correspondent to the United States for the Seoul Kyunghyang Daily Newspaper as well as a Founding Director of Business and Trade for Wilshire State Bank in Los Angeles, California, and has also served three times as Chairman of the Korean Institute of Southern California;

Whereas Dr. Yoon authored the "Korean American Legacies: Challenges and Responses", a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Korean Americans; and

Whereas over many years, Dr. Yoon has demonstrated his leadership and dedication to the Korean American community through his work and support of numerous non-profit and service organizations, including creating KARE (Korean American Respect for the Environment), and serving as the Honorary National Chairman of the Korean American Foundation USA: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 Byung Wook Yoon for his outstanding work raising awareness and recognition of the contributions Korean Americans have made in every facet of United States society.

