Senate Concurrent Resolution 17

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Commemorates 70th anniversary of alliance between Republic of Korea and United States and 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to United States.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 Whereas 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United 3 States and the Republic of Korea, which was signed on October 1, 1953; and

4 Whereas 2023 marks 120 years since the first immigration of Koreans to the United States, be-5 ginning the significant contribution of Korean Americans to the diversity of the United States; and

6 Whereas 2023 marks 70 years since the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement, ending the 7 hostilities of the Korean War; and

8 Whereas the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea is the linchpin of 9 peace, security and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in the Indo-Pacific region; and

Whereas the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea has developed into a steadfast partnership, anchored in shared values and interests and generations of people-to-people ties and evolving into a global and comprehensive strategic alliance; and

Whereas recognizing the importance of this alliance, United States President Joseph R. Biden,
Jr. welcomed President Yoon Suk Yeol of the Republic of Korea for a state visit in April 2023; and
Whereas the Republic of Korea is currently the sixth-largest trading partner of the United

16 States, with combined trade of nearly \$200 billion in 2021; and

Whereas trade between the United States and the Republic of Korea contributes meaningfully to their mutual economic growth; and

19 Whereas the Republic of Korea is the State of Oregon's third-largest international trading 20 partner, with more than \$4 billion in total bilateral goods trade in 2021, including machinery, agri-21 cultural products and chemicals; and

22 Whereas the strength of the relationship between the State of Oregon and the Republic of Korea 23 is due in large part to the 39,000 Koreans and Korean Americans in Oregon, who contribute to ev-24 ery facet of this state's society, culture and economy; and

25 Whereas the Oregon Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville honors the 60,000 Oregonians who 26 fought in the Korean War, displaying the names of the 298 Oregonians who were killed or listed as 27 missing in action from the war; and

Whereas in July 2023, an interpretive center will be established at the memorial to provide visitors with a unique educational experience that will help them understand and appreciate those who served in, and those who were impacted by, the Korean War; now, therefore,

31 Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

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1 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, commemorate the 70th anni-

versary of the alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and the 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the importance of a strong and enduring partnership between the
State of Oregon and the Republic of Korea.

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