

U.S. Senate, House of Representatives co-sponsor resolution to recognize Korean American Day

Maryland governor hosts Korean American Day celebration



The 122nd anniversary of Korean American Day and the 2025 Korean Association Inauguration Ceremony, co-hosted by the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in San Francisco, the San Francisco & Bay Area Korea Center and Korean associations in Northern California, is held at the San Francisco & Bay Area Korea Center on Jan. 11.

A bipartisan resolution has been introduced in the 119th U.S. Congress to designate Jan. 13, the day Korean immigrants first arrived in the United States in 1903, as Korean American Day.

In the Senate, the first senator of Korean descent, Andy Kim (D-New Jersey), and Dan Sullivan (R-Arkansas) and, in the House of Representatives, Young Kim (R-California), who is of Korean descent, and Jimmy Gomez (D-California) co-sponsored the resolution, Rep. Young Kim revealed in a press release Jan. 13.

"For 122 years, Korean Americans have strived to make America a better place by succeeding in school, the workplace and even in Congress," Rep. Kim said. "As a representative of the Korean American community in Southern California and one of the first members of Congress of Korean descent, I am proud to introduce a resolution recognizing Korean American Day. I will continue to fight in Congress to ensure that the American Dream lives on for future generations."

The House resolution has 54 cosponsors, including Korean American Reps. Dave Min (D-California) and Marilyn Strickland (D-

Washington). Young Kim, a three-term congresswoman, previously sponsored similar resolutions in the 117th and 118th Congresses.

Meanwhile, Maryland Gov. Wes Moore hosted his first in-person Korean American Day event since taking office. During the event, he issued a proclamation declaring Jan. 13 as Korean American Day in Maryland, the U.S. Embassy in Seoul said through a press release.

"The determination, pride and courage of the early Korean immigrants are the foundation of today's strong U.S.-Korea alliance," Korean Ambassador to the U.S. Cho Hyun-dong said at the ceremony. "We will do our best to build on these achievements for the sustainable development of the U.S.-ROK alliance."

Cho presented Moore with a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his efforts to advance the relationship between South Korea and Maryland. Cho also presented the Korean government's Apostle of Peace Medal to the family of the late Jack Miller, a Korean War veteran, and the father-in-law of Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller.