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Expressing support and appreciation for the longstanding alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas 2003 marks the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States, the 50th Anniversary of the armistice agreement halting the Korean conflict, and the 50th anniversary of the United States-Republic of Korea Mutual Defense Treaty;

Whereas diplomatic relations between the United States and Korea were established by treaty in 1882 and included the establishment by King Kojong of United States Government property in Jung-dong, one of the oldest United States Government properties outside of the United

States, and the land on which the United States Ambassador's residence exists;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 Koreans and almost 2,000,000 Americans fought in defense of freedom and democracy on the Korean Peninsula, which resulted in 36,577 dead and 103,284 wounded Americans;

Whereas the United Nations Command, led by the United States, intervened with military action and diplomacy and resulted in the armistice agreement signed on July 27, 1953;

Whereas, through innovation and determination, the Republic of Korea ("South Korea") has emerged from the ravages of war, military dictatorship, and political upheavals into a strong democracy ranked as the twelfth largest economy in the world and a leader in many fields of business and technology;

Whereas trade between the Republic of Korea and the United States accounts for almost \$60,000,000,000 worth of goods and services, making the Republic of Korea the 6th largest trading partner of the United States;

Whereas the relationship between the two countries has continued to evolve to include cooperation in international security and the fight against terrorism, including the Republic of Korea's role as a member of the Coalition during Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas the Republic of Korea continues to play a role in the international community from which itself has benefited, including by providing assistance in the United Nations effort to maintain peace and cultivate the birth of a new democracy in East Timor, as well as lending engineers and medical support, aircraft, and naval transport, and

aid in the reconstruction efforts alongside United States forces and personnel in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and in post-conflict Iraq; and

Whereas deterrence of aggression by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ("North Korea") is the principle consideration of the unique Combined Forces Command of the United States and the Republic of Korea on the Korean Peninsula to continue preserving this key strategic military alliance: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) Congress expresses its unequivocal support
4 and appreciation for the longstanding alliance be-
5 tween the United States and the Republic of Korea;
6 and

7 (2) it is the sense of Congress that—

8 (A) the continuation of the military alli-
9 ance between the United States and the Repub-
10 lic of Korea is both strategic and foreseeable
11 and remains an essential consideration in the
12 international fight against terrorism;

13 (B) the continuation of the cultural and
14 economic relationship between the United
15 States and the Republic of Korea mutually ben-
16 efit the two countries;

1 (C) Korean immigration has contributed to
2 the United States economy, diversity, culture,
3 and politics; and

4 (D) foreign students from the Republic of
5 Korea have learned from the United States and
6 returned to be leaders in the Government of the
7 Republic of Korea, Korean businesses, and Ko-
8 rean academia.

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