

20109323D

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 507

Offered March 2, 2020

*Commending the Korean American Education Foundation.*Patron—Keam

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Korean American Education Foundation and its United Korean School of Greater Washington program will celebrate 50 years of helping Korean Americans and others interested in learning the Korean language and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American Education Foundation traces its roots to June 20, 1970, when a group of Korean and American educators and community leaders began the first Korean language school in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area at Trinity College; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1987, the five largest church-affiliated Saturday Korean language schools in Virginia and the six largest Korean schools in Maryland began working together on their mutual efforts; and

WHEREAS, in May 1988, the collaboration resulted in the opening of the United Korean School of Greater Washington; and

WHEREAS, in November 1994, the organization launched the Korean American Educational Resources Library; and

WHEREAS, the United Korean School of Greater Washington established a scholarship fund which provides scholarships every year at the Anniversary Banquet to select Virginia and Maryland students who meet certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Korean American Education Foundation established the Building Fund Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the scholarship program established a Students for Korean Language and Culture Program at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the organization established the second Korean American Education Foundation scholarship program for a student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Korean Studies at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, over the past five decades, the Korean American Education Foundation has served approximately 6,000 students in Virginia and approximately 8,000 students in Maryland through dozens of dedicated teachers and other volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Korean American Education Foundation for its 50 years of service through the United Korean School of Greater Washington; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Korean American Education Foundation as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to promoting education and supporting the Korean American community.

INTRODUCED

HJ507