

2023 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

Commending Korean Central Presbyterian Church.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2023

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Korean Central Presbyterian Church has provided opportunities for joyful worship and generous outreach to the members of the Centreville community; and

WHEREAS, Korean Central Presbyterian Church was founded on November 4, 1973, by the Reverend Myung Ho Yoon with 20 Korean-American families as the original congregation; and

WHEREAS, the Korean Central Presbyterian Church held its first service in a private home and later moved to a 12-acre campus in Vienna; in July 2010, it relocated to its current location, an 80-acre campus in Centreville; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the Korean Central Presbyterian Church has grown to include approximately 10,000 members with an average of 4,600 attendees per week; the church remains engaged with the community through numerous outreach initiatives; and

WHEREAS, one of the pastors at Korean Central Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Eung Yul David Ryoo, has offered the opening prayer for the United States Congress and the invocation for the Virginia General Assembly on multiple occasions; and

WHEREAS, Korean Central Presbyterian Church created a senior center to offer meals, recreation, educational opportunities, and computer skills training for its senior members; now independently operated and known as Korean Central Senior Center under the direction of Heisung Lee, the center has been recognized by both the Commonwealth and the Republic of Korea as an outstanding volunteer organization; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Korean Central Presbyterian Church provided groceries and other household necessities to families in need and raised money to support other local churches and businesses struggling with the effects of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, Korean Central Presbyterian Church opened a satellite location in Arlington to better serve residents of the Washington, D.C., area; the church also operates the Culpeper Retreat Center in Sperryville; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Korean Central Presbyterian Church hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Korean Central Presbyterian Church as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the church's contributions to the community.

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