

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H. Res. 809 with
Amendments**

**(The amendments consist of a new preamble and a complete new
text)**

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H. RES. 809

Expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic
of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2020

Mr. SUOZZI (for himself, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. MEEKS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. MENG, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. TRONE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. COX of California, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the importance of the United States alliance with
the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean
Americans in the United States.

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Korea enjoy
a comprehensive alliance partnership, founded in shared
strategic interests and cemented by a commitment to
democratic values;

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Korea work closely together to promote international peace and security, economic prosperity, human rights, and the rule of law;

Whereas the relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea goes as far back as Korea's Chosun Dynasty, when the United States and Korea established diplomatic relations under the 1882 Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce, and Navigation;

Whereas, on August 15, 1948, the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea, established on April 11, 1919, was dissolved and transitioned to the First Republic of Korea, the first independent government;

Whereas regional peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific promotes shared United States-Republic of Korea interests of prosperity and economic well-being;

Whereas United States military personnel have maintained a continuous presence on the Korean Peninsula since the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United States and the Republic of Korea (5 UST 2368) was signed at Washington on October 1, 1953;

Whereas, on May 7, 2013, the United States and the Republic of Korea signed a Joint Declaration in Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Alliance Between the Republic of Korea and the United States;

Whereas 63 years ago the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the United States and the Republic of Korea, with Protocol (8 UST 2217) was signed at Seoul on November 28, 1956;

Whereas the alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States, our shared national security interests, the

9,000 South Korean civilians working to support the joint mission of United States Forces Korea and the 28,500 United States military service members currently stationed in South Korea, are best served by the conclusion of mutually agreeable, multi-year Special Measures Agreements;

Whereas the economic relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea is deep and mutually beneficial to both countries;

Whereas the Republic of Korea is the United States sixth-largest trading partner;

Whereas the Republic of Korea is one of the fastest growing sources of foreign direct investment in the United States;

Whereas the United States is the second largest source of foreign direct investment in the Republic of Korea;

Whereas, on January 13, 1903, 102 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in the United States, initiating the first chapter of Korean immigration to America;

Whereas the over 2,000,000 Korean Americans living in the United States contribute to the diversity and prosperity of our Nation, participate in all facets of American life, and have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of the United States;

Whereas members of the Korean American community serve with distinction in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas Korean Americans continue to build and strengthen the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea; and

Whereas the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act (Public Law 115–409), signed into law on December 31, 2018, states that the United States Government—

(1) is committed to the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United States and the Republic of Korea and all related and subsequent bilateral security agreements and arrangements concluded on or before the date of the enactment of that Act;

(2) recognizes the vital role of the alliance between the United States and South Korea in promoting peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region; and

(3) calls for the strengthening and broadening of diplomatic, economic, and security ties between the United States and the Republic of Korea: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the vital role the alliance of the
3 United States and the Republic of Korea plays in
4 promoting peace and security in the Indo-Pacific re-
5 gion;

6 (2) calls for the strengthening and broadening
7 of diplomatic, economic, and security ties between
8 the United States and the Republic of Korea, includ-
9 ing through the conclusion of mutually agreeable
10 multi-year Special Measures Agreements; and

11 (3) reaffirms the United States alliance with
12 the Republic of Korea is central to advancing United
13 States interests, engagement, and influence in the
14 region, based on shared commitments to democracy,

1 free-market economics, human rights, and the rule
2 of law.