

H. Res. 947

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

February 7, 2008.

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Korea share a longstanding and comprehensive alliance rooted in the common principles of freedom and democracy;

Whereas on June 11, 2007, the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 295 recognizing “the strong alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and expresses appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its contributions to international efforts to combat terrorism”;

Whereas on December 19, 2007, the Senate passed S. Res. 279 recognizing that “the strength and endurance of the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea should be acknowledged and celebrated”;

Whereas, since 2000, the United States House of Representatives and the Republic of Korea National Assembly have engaged in an interparliamentary exchange to discuss issues central to the U.S.-Republic of Korea relationship;

Whereas there are deep cultural and personal ties between the peoples of the United States and the Republic of Korea, as exemplified by the large flow of visitors and exchanges each year between the two nations, as well as the nearly two million Korean-Americans;

Whereas Congress recognizes January 13 as Korean-American Day, honoring the contributions of Korean-Americans in forging stronger bilateral ties between our two countries;

Whereas the Republic of Korea is the United States seventh largest trading partner and the United States is the third largest trading partner of the Republic of Korea with nearly \$80 billion in annual trade volume;

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

Whereas Lee Myung-Bak, upon winning the election to become the next President of the Republic of Korea, stated that he would seek to further strengthen the relationship with the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates Lee Myung-Bak on his election to the presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishes him well during his time of transition and on his inauguration on February 25, 2008.

Attest:

Clerk.