

SENATE BILL No. 355

May 9, 2013, Introduced by Senators HOPGOOD, ANDERSON, HOOD, GREGORY, BOOHER, BIEDA, KOWALL, WARREN, BRANDENBURG and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate January 13 of each year as Korean American Day.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the contributions that
2 the Korean American community has made throughout this state and
3 acknowledges its contributions in building and enhancing the
4 culture of our state and nation. The legislature honors the first
5 Korean immigrants who arrived in Hawaii on January 13, 1903, many
6 of whom later settled along the Pacific Coast as farm workers or
7 wage laborers in mining companies or section hands on the
8 railroads. The Korean American community has blossomed to a
9 population of nearly 2,000,000 in the United States, and the state
10 of Michigan is fortunate to be the home of a large concentration of
11 citizens who are of Korean descent. Korean Americans have made and

1 will continue to make great contributions to the economic and
2 cultural strength of this state.

3 (2) In recognition of the contributions that the Korean
4 American community has made, the legislature declares that January
5 13 of each year shall be known as "Korean American Day".