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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL KOREANS BY DIRECTING  
THE PLACEMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE DESIGNATING THE  
FORMER SITE OF THE KOREAN BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND THE  
KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH.

1 WHEREAS, beginning with the first group of 102 on the S.S.  
2 Gaelic, which arrived at Honolulu Harbor on January 13, 1903,  
3 approximately 7,400 Koreans were admitted to Hawaii through  
4 August 1905, and the 1910 census listed 4,533 Koreans living in  
5 the Hawaiian Islands; and

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7 WHEREAS, Koreans urged the Hawaiian Methodist Mission to  
8 establish a school for Korean boys with the assistance of a  
9 \$2,000 pledge; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Korean Boarding School for Boys opened its  
12 doors to 65 boys in the fall of 1906 at the old North Pacific  
13 Institute, or Doctor Hyde's Theological Seminary on Punchbowl  
14 Street near Beretania Street, at the present Kalanimoku Building  
15 site; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Korean Methodist Church was also located at  
18 one of the buildings and the site was commonly known as the  
19 Korean Compound; and

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21 WHEREAS, the school changed its name to Korean Central  
22 School and admitted girl students in the fall of 1913, the first  
23 coeducational institution for Koreans in the world; and

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25 WHEREAS, the school closed its doors in the fall of 1918  
26 and the Korean Methodist Church was relocated to Fort Street;  
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29 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the location of the  
30 Korean Boarding School for Boys and the Korean Methodist Church  
31 with a bronze plaque; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is requested to direct the placement of a plaque to be funded by the Korean community as follows:

- (1) The plaque is to be made of bronze, measuring no larger than twenty-four by fifteen inches, to be mounted on twenty-four inch high pedestals made of stone or cement block;
- (2) The plaque is to be placed at an appropriate site at the Punchbowl Street side of the Kalanimoku Building near the Punchbowl exit; and
- (3) The plaque is to read in English and Korean "Korean Boarding School for Boys and Korean Methodist Church Site, 1906 - 1918"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller, and Korean National Association.

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