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2 United States.]

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4 **contributions to the United States.**

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6 WHEREAS, In December, 1902, 56 men, 21 women and 25 children left Korea and
7 landed in Honolulu, Hawaii on January 13, 1903; and

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco is the historic gateway for Koreans migrating to the
9 mainland United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Missionaries from the United States played a role in nurturing the political
11 and religious evolution of modern Korea, and influenced early Korean immigration to the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The first Korean church on mainland United States soil is the Korean
14 United Methodist Church, established in San Francisco in 1903; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of the Korean-American community served with distinction in
16 the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the Korean
17 Conflict; and

18 WHEREAS, In the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and
19 desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities; and

20 WHEREAS, Korean immigration has invigorated businesses, churches, and academic
21 communities in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, According to the 2000 United States Census, Korean Americans own and
23 operate 135,571 businesses across the United States, employ 333,649 individuals, have
24 gross sales and receipts of \$16 billion annually, and an annual payroll of \$5.8 billion; and
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1 WHEREAS, The contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the
2 development of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery disease, and
3 achievements in agriculture, engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture
4 and writing; and

5 WHEREAS, Korean Americans play a crucial role in maintaining the strength of vitality
6 of the United States – Korean relationship; and

7 WHEREAS, The partnership of the United States and South Korea helps maintain
8 peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and provides economic benefits to the people of
9 both nations and to the rest of the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2003, communities throughout the United States will
11 celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, There are more than 150,000 Korean Americans presently living in the
13 Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15 join the Congress of the United States and the California Legislature in recognizing the
16 achievements and contributions of Korean Americans over the past 100 years; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors call upon all interested
18 organizations and groups to observe the 100th Anniversary of Korean immigration and
19 contributions to the United States with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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