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HB-770: Korean American Day

SPONSOR: Delegate Courtney Watson

POSITION: Favorable

Good afternoon and thank you, Chair Wells, and members of the committee. For the record, I am Delegate Courtney Watson here to present House Bill 770.

I am seeking your support in acknowledging the valuable contributions of Korean-Americans by designating January 13th as “Korean-American Day” each year. This date holds particular significance as it marks the arrival of pioneering Korean migrants in the United States 123 years ago in 1903.

The House passed this bill in 2024 so I know we all appreciate that the Korean-American community has played a tremendous role in shaping Maryland’s success. The Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area is home to one of the largest Korean-American populations in the nation, with over 30,000 individuals of Korean descent residing in Maryland alone.

I kindly ask for your consideration and support of HB770, which aligns with our commitment to recognizing and celebrating Maryland’s robust Korean-American community.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. I am happy to answer any questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Courtney Watson".

Delegate Courtney Watson
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