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RESOLUTION NO. 698-02

[Recognition and celebration of 100 years of Korean immigration and contributions to the United States.]

Resolution recognizing and celebrating 100 years of Korean immigration and contributions to the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, According to the 2000 United States Census, Korean Americans own and operate 135,571 businesses across the United States, employ 333,649 individuals, have gross sales and receipts of \$16 billion annually, and an annual payroll of \$5.8 billion; and

Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, The contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the development of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery disease, and achievements in agriculture, engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture and writing; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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October 7, 2002 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval Absent: 1 - Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 7, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young / Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved