

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING  
ACR 118 (Mark González and Quirk-Silva)  
As Introduced January 8, 2026  
Majority vote

## SUMMARY

Proclaims January 13, 2026, as Korean American Day.

### Major Provisions

- 1) On January 13, 1903, 102 courageous Korean immigrants arrived in the State of Hawaii after venturing across the vast Pacific Ocean aboard the S.S. Gaelic, marking the beginning of the first large wave of Korean immigration to the United States.
- 2) While the first Korean immigrants to the United States fought and sacrificed to establish themselves, their children grew up to be patriotic citizens, served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, and made other important contributions to mainstream American society.
- 3) With diligence, fortitude, and an enduring belief in the American dream, Korean immigrants have helped to turn emergent areas within the state into thriving and respectable communities, while raising their children.
- 4) Korean Americans have made important contributions as Californians in the fields of finance, technology, law, medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and government, as well as other areas.
- 5) The City of Los Angeles is currently home to the largest population of Korean Americans in the entire United States, with more than 250,000 Korean Americans.
- 6) Korean Americans are the largest and the fastest growing citizens of Orange County, making Orange County the second largest Korean American population in any county in the nation.
- 7) Today, the number of people of Korean ancestry living in the United States has grown to more than two million, representing more than a 79-fold increase since 1960.
- 8) As the Korean American community prepares for a new era and creates new history, Korean Americans must instill in younger generations the proper appreciation for the courage and values of their forefathers, a deep sense of their roots, and pride in their own cultural heritage so that they may better contribute to the great State of California.

## COMMENTS

### According to the Author

Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of the first large wave of Korean immigrants to the United States on January 13, 1903. ACR 118 honors the invaluable cultural, economic, and social contributions of Korean Americans, especially here in California. As the

Assemblymember representing Koreatown in Los Angeles - home to the largest Korean American community in the United States - I am proud to champion this resolution.

**Arguments in Support**

None on file

**Arguments in Opposition**

None on file

**FISCAL COMMENTS**

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**VOTES****ASM RULES: 10-0-1**

**YES:** Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Mark González, Irwin, Krell, Patel, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Ta

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