

Date of Hearing: April 21, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

SCR 27 (Choi) – As Introduced February 21, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 37-0

**SUBJECT:** Yu Gwan-sun Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes March 1, 2025, as the 6th Anniversary of Yu Gwan-sun Day in the State of California, and recognizes the 106th Anniversary Commemoration of the March 1st Movement for Korean Independence. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The March 1st Movement was inspired by the “Fourteen Points” outlined by President Woodrow Wilson at the Paris Peace Conference, and was the first step taken by Koreans for independence.
- 2) The reading of the Korean Declaration of Independence, which was drafted by historian Choe Nam-seon, in Taehwagwan Restaurant in Seoul and the subsequent signing of the document signaled the beginning of the independence movement for Korea.
- 3) From March 1 to April 11, 1919, approximately two million Koreans participated in more than 1,500 demonstrations, which are referred to today as the Korean independence movement.
- 4) Yu Gwan-sun is best known as an organizer in the March 1st Movement in the peaceful demonstration against the Imperial Japanese colonial rule of Korea.
- 5) The protests and the March 1st Movement sparked the creation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea, and while the campaign failed to achieve its goal of independence, March 1 is celebrated by both North and South Korea today as a national holiday.
- 6) The Assembly recognized March 1, 2019, as Yu Gwan-sun Day in the State of California in honor of the centennial commemorative year of the March 1st Movement of Korean independence.
- 7) The centennial commemoration of the March 1st Movement of Korean independence, which brought Californians together for this momentous event, was marked with movie presentations, celebrations, and historical seminars to educate the community on the historical importance of the movement.
- 8) California is home to the largest population of Korean Americans in the United States. The contributions of the Korean American community in California have strengthened this great state and continue to promote the incredible diversity of California.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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