

SENATE BILL No. 327

May 12, 2015, Introduced by Senators WARREN, HOPGOOD, KOWALL, MARLEAU, HOOD, NOFS, EMMONS, BOOHER, PROOS, BRANDENBURG, MACGREGOR, HANSEN, SCHMIDT, YOUNG, GREGORY and BIEDA and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate January 13 of each year as Korean American Day.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes the contributions that
2 the Korean American community has made throughout this state and
3 acknowledges its contributions in building and enhancing the
4 culture of our state and nation. The legislature honors the first
5 Korean immigrants who arrived in Hawaii on January 13, 1903, many
6 of whom later settled along the Pacific Coast as farm workers or
7 wage laborers in mining companies or section hands on the
8 railroads. The Korean American community has blossomed to a
9 population of nearly 2,000,000 in the United States, and the state
10 of Michigan is fortunate to be the home of a large concentration of
11 citizens who are of Korean descent. Korean Americans have made and

1 will continue to make great contributions to the economic and
2 cultural strength of this state.

3 (2) In recognition of the contributions that the Korean
4 American community has made, the legislature declares that January
5 13 of each year shall be known as "Korean American Day".