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## Senate Joint Resolution 6 “Honoring the Alaska-Korea Relationship”

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In 1954, the Korean Armistice Agreement to end hostilities on the Korean Peninsula was signed by the United States of America and the Republic of Korea. Since that time the two countries have developed strong economic and cultural relationships. Senate Joint Resolution 6 recognizes the ongoing “Global Comprehensive Strategic Alliance” between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea, which has greatly benefited Alaska through billions of dollars’ worth of trade and tourism.

Currently, the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is a growing hub for air cargo to and from the Republic of Korea, and every year thousands of Korean tourists visit Alaska. Anchorage and Incheon, South Korea have been sister cities since 1986, and thousands of Korean American call Alaska home. Alaska is incredibly fortunate to have a close relationship with the Republic of Korea.

2023 is the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement and the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea. 2023 is also the 120th anniversary of the first immigration of Koreans to the United States.

In the 70 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Korea and the United States, the two countries have developed strong and lasting ties that should be celebrated. In a time of rising tensions and global strife, it is important to acknowledge the friends and allies of the United States and Alaska.

Senate Joint Resolution 6 seeks to honor and celebrate the friendly and beneficial relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea, and the unique role Alaska has in that relationship.