

House Resolution

No. 57

Introduced by Assembly Members Chang and Kim

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House Resolution No. 57—Relative to Chuseok.

- 1 WHEREAS, Chuseok, also known as Hangawi, is one of the
2 three most important holidays in Korea; and
3 WHEREAS, Chuseok, like Thanksgiving, is a holiday where
4 people gather together with family to enjoy ~~good~~ *traditional* food
5 and give thanks for the abundance in their lives; and
6 WHEREAS, The practice of celebrating Chuseok dates back to
7 the early ~~Silla~~ *Silla* Dynasty. Traditional Chuseok celebrations
8 include honoring ancestors, buying and wearing new clothes,
9 *playing* folk games, and making and sharing special foods; and
10 WHEREAS, Before and during Chuseok, people honor their
11 ancestors and other family members who have passed on by visiting
12 and caring for their graves (seongmyo and beolcho) and holding
13 memorial services (charye) for them, which include the offering
14 of food and prayers; and
15 WHEREAS, Folk games and other customs engaged in during
16 Chuseok include a circle dance performed by women or children
17 (ganggangsullae), wrestling performed in a circular sandpit
18 (ssireum), and traditional plays; and
19 WHEREAS, Special foods are an important part of Chuseok.
20 The most iconic of these is songpyeon, rice cakes filled with
21 sesame seeds, beans, or other ingredients, and steamed with pine

1 needles, which the entire family gathers together on the eve of
2 Chuseok to make; and

3 WHEREAS, Modern Chuseok celebrations also include the
4 giving of gifts to family, friends, and acquaintances; and

5 WHEREAS, Every year, Chuseok takes place ~~on~~ *near* the fall
6 equinox, *on* the 15th day of the eighth lunar month, and is
7 celebrated over the course of the three-day period starting the day
8 before that date. This year, the Chuseok holiday spans September
9 14 to September 16; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
11 Assembly celebrates and recognizes Chuseok; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
13 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.