SENATE RESOLUTION 8676

By Senator Gildon

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2 standing friendship with the people of the Republic of Korea; and 3 WHEREAS, This friendship includes a rich cultural history and 4 strong international bond reflected in the respective communities; 5 and 6 WHEREAS, The relationship between the people of Washington state 7 and the Republic of Korea and Washington's sister state of Jeollabuk-8 do, has been economically and culturally beneficial for all parties; 9 and 10 WHEREAS, In 2023, Jeollabuk-do has undertaken an administrative change and been redesignated as the state of Jeonbuk; and 11 12 WHEREAS, The state of Washington, in honor of this international 13 bond, wishes to reaffirm its ongoing friendship with its sister state, Jeollabuk-do, as it finalizes its administrative change to the 14 state of Jeonbuk; and 15 16 WHEREAS, The Jeonbuk State Council of the Republic of Korea aims 17 to formalize and strengthen the bond of friendship and cooperation 18 established in 1996 and solidified through sisterhood since 2004; and 19 The people of the Sister States seek to facilitate 20 exchanges in areas including government operations, environmental management, agriculture, industrial economy, culture, 21 22 and construction, sharing best practices for mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Washington state have enjoyed a long-

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WHEREAS, The people of Washington look forward to a continued collegial and mutual prosperous relationship with the people of the state of Jeonbuk and its people well into the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the mutual friendship, history, and successes shared between the citizens of the state of Washington and its sister state of Jeonbuk and hereby honor the past, present, and ongoing nature of this relationship and congratulate our sister state on its successful transition to the state of Jeonbuk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate continue the mutual cooperation, and opportunities for cultural exchanges between the people of our sister state of Jeonbuk and the people of Washington state.

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