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SCHAKOWSKY SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO UNITE KOREAN AMERICANS WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN NORTH KOREA

500,000 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES OF KOREAN ANCESTRY ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES IN NORTH KOREA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today hailed the passage of H.Con.Res. 77, a bill which states that Congress and the President "*[s]hould support efforts to reunite people of the United States of Korean ancestry with their families in North Korea; and such efforts should be made in a timely manner, as 50 years have passed since the separation of these families.*"

"At an historic inter-Korea summit in June of 2000, the leaders of the two Koreas pledged to work toward reconciliation and reunification of the divided peninsula. A key component of healing the 50-year old wounds is for the Korean governments to work quickly to reunite families that were torn apart during the violence and chaos of the Korean War," Schakowsky said.

Schakowsky added, "Families on the Korean peninsula, as well as many Korean Americans in my district and across the United States, have not given up hope that one day they will be reunited with their long lost relatives. It is my hope that this resolution will reinforce the United State's commitment to a united and peaceful Korea."