

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 guaranteed automatic citizenship to adoptees under the age of 18 who were born outside of the U.S. and adopted by American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Child Citizenship Act did not apply to individuals who were adopted as children, but were over the age of 18 at the time the law went into effect; and

WHEREAS, South Korea's Health Ministry has estimated that 18,603 Korean adoptees who have been brought into the U.S. do not currently have U.S. citizenship; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 35,000 international adoptees in the U.S. are currently living without American citizenship; and

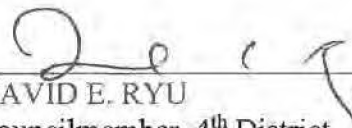
WHEREAS, currently before Congress is a bill, HR 5233 (Smith) and S 2522 (Blunt), the Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018, which would grant citizenship to those who were born outside of the U.S. and were adopted as children by U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, this is a bipartisan bill, which has been sponsored and introduced by members of Congress from both parties; and

WHEREAS, this bill would grant citizenship to those who have been raised in America by Americans and lack citizenship through no fault of their own;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 5233 (Smith), S 2522 (Blunt), and any similar legislation, which would automatically grant citizenship to those adopted by U.S. citizens as children.

PRESENTED BY


DAVID E. RYU
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