WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Korea today issued the following statement congratulating Korea on the March 1st Movement. Rep. Sanchez also today submitted a statement for the Congressional Record.

“On behalf of the American people, I congratulate the Republic of Korea on the 92nd anniversary of the Korean independence movement,” said Rep Sanchez. “On this occasion, we recognize and pay tribute to the spirit of an earlier generation of Koreans who, in 1919, bravely protested Japan’s colonial rule. This resistance by the Korean people resulted in major changes in Japanese imperial policy and unified Koreans in their desire to live in a free and independent country, a desire that Americans very much understand.

“Although the Korean Peninsula remains divided, today we recognize the Koreans who fought courageously to defend their land, people and heritage. Shared democratic values forever bond the Republic of Korea and the United States, and as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Korea I look forward to strengthening our partnership."