

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

Whereas the United States holds as its highest ideals freedom, democracy and self-determination, and strives to spread these ideals to every man, woman and child on earth; and

Whereas more than three million American troops fought bravely during the Vietnam War in the cause of freedom and democracy; and

Whereas 58,193 American soldiers were killed, more than 300,000 were wounded and 2,000 American soldiers are missing in action; and

Whereas Vietnam veterans are honored for their valiant and heroic service; and

Whereas the American soldier strives to be a symbol of freedom, democracy and kindness around the world; and

Whereas Korean soldiers were sent to the Vietnam War to support American soldiers and the cause of freedom at the request of the United States; and

Whereas 325,517 Korean soldiers served in Vietnam from 1964 until the last soldier left Saigon on March 30, 1973; and

Whereas 5,099 Korean soldiers were killed and 10,962 Korean soldiers were injured; and

Whereas Korean troops were known throughout the conflict for their effectiveness and fought alongside American troops in all areas of the theater; and

Whereas it is estimated that 20 percent of Korean veterans of the Vietnam War suffer significant injuries, including post traumatic stress disorder, total disability and the effects of Agent Orange; and

Whereas 1,300 Korean Vietnam veterans are estimated to live in the United States, of whom approximately 95 percent are American citizens; and

Whereas the citizens of Oregon appreciate all of the Vietnam veterans who fought for our liberty and were willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas the Korean veterans of the Vietnam War are especially dedicated to the ideals of freedom and democracy; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor the Korean veterans of the Vietnam War for their service to the American people and the citizens of Oregon; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor all veterans who fought in the Vietnam War; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Northwest Korean Vietnam Veterans Group and to the Korean Consulate in Portland, Oregon.

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