

P.L. 2025, Joint Resolution No. 17, *approved January 12, 2026*
Assembly Joint Resolution, No. 66

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** commemorating the 71st anniversary of the
2 armistice that ended the Korean War.
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4 **WHEREAS**, The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when the armed
5 forces of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea invaded the
6 Republic of Korea in a surprise and unprovoked attack along the
7 38th parallel, which is the border that separates the Democratic
8 People’s Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea; and
9 **WHEREAS**, The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea utilized
10 military forces against the Republic of Korea in an attempt to
11 reunify the peninsula under its communist rule, and in just three
12 days the soldiers of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
13 seized Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea; and
14 **WHEREAS**, On June 27, 1950, the United Nations’ Security Council
15 passed a resolution declaring that the attack conducted by the
16 Democratic People’s Republic of Korea was a violation of peace,
17 urging United Nation members to support the Republic of Korea in
18 its defense; and
19 **WHEREAS**, The United Nations established a coalition of 22 countries,
20 including Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, France, and the
21 United States to assist the Republic of Korea by supplying fighting
22 units as well as medical services; and
23 **WHEREAS**, Ninety percent of the soldiers deployed to assist the
24 Republic of Korea were American soldiers and more than 1.7
25 million Americans served in the armed forces during the war; and
26 **WHEREAS**, More than 33,000 Americans died and more than 100,000
27 were injured during the war; and
28 **WHEREAS**, More than 191,000 New Jersey residents served in the
29 military during the Korean War and 836 New Jersey residents were
30 killed or missing in action during the war; and
31 **WHEREAS**, After three years of tragic warfare, an armistice was put in
32 place on July 27, 1953, ending the Korean War even though the
33 armistice was never officially signed, leaving the Korean peninsula
34 in a tense and divided situation; and
35 **WHEREAS**, After the Korean War, the United States and the Republic
36 of Korea signed a mutual defense treaty, which established an
37 alliance between both countries; and
38 **WHEREAS**, This year marks the 71st anniversary of the alliance
39 between the United States and the Republic of Korea that was
40 formed through sacrifice and shared hardship; and
41 **WHEREAS**, Although the Korean War led to the death of 2.5 million
42 individuals, this war is often referred to as the “forgotten war” for
43 the lack of attention it has received, compared to other more well-
44 known international conflicts; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
2 *State of New Jersey:*

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4 1. The State of New Jersey commemorates the 71st anniversary
5 of the armistice that ended the Korean War on July 27, 1953.

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7 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
8 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
9 Secretary of the Senate to the Adjutant General of the New Jersey
10 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Adjutant General
11 shall send copies of this resolution to Korean War veteran
12 associations in New Jersey.

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14 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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20 War.