

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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SYNOPSIS

Commemorates 70th anniversary of armistice that ended Korean War.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** commemorating the 70th 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 70th 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,
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46 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
47 *State of New Jersey:*

1 1. The State of New Jersey commemorates the 70th anniversary
2 of the armistice that ended the Korean War on July 27, 1953.

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

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11 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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16 The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when the armed forces
17 of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea invaded the Republic
18 of Korea in a surprise and unprovoked attack. A few days later, the
19 United Nations' Security Council declared that the attack conducted
20 by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was a violation of
21 peace. Shortly after, United Nations members were urged to
22 support the Republic of Korea in its defense. Twenty-two
23 countries, including the United States, got involved in the Korean
24 War by supplying the Republic of Korea with fighting units and
25 medical services.

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27 From the 1.7 million American soldiers who served in the
28 Korean War, more than 33,000 died and more than 100,000 were
29 injured. More than 191,000 New Jersey residents served in the
30 military during the Korean War, and 836 New Jersey residents were
31 killed or missing in action during the war. After the Korean War
32 ended, the United States and the Republic of Korea signed a mutual
33 defense treaty, which established an alliance between both
34 countries. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the alliance
35 formed through sacrifice and shared hardship. Although the Korean
36 War led to the death of 2.5 million individuals, this war is often
37 referred to as the "forgotten war" for the lack of attention it has
38 received compared to other, more well-known international
39 conflicts. Therefore, the State of New Jersey commemorates the
40 70th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War on July
41 27, 1953.