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# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 89

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## SYNOPSIS

Commemorates 71st anniversary of armistice that ended Korean War.

## CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on June 13, 2024, with amendments.



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- 1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** commemorating the <sup>1</sup>**[70th]** 71st<sup>1</sup>  
2 anniversary of the 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 <sup>1</sup>**[70th]** 71st<sup>1</sup> anniversary of the  
39 alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea that  
40 was 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,

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SMV committee amendments adopted June 13, 2024.

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 <sup>1</sup>~~70th~~ 71st<sup>1</sup>  
5 anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War on July 27,  
6 1953.

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

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15       3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.