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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE AMERICAN MEN  
2 AND WOMEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE KOREAN WAR ON THE  
3 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR.

4 Whereas, at 4:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 25, 1950, the North Korean People's  
5 Army under Marshal Choc Yong Gun crossed the 38th parallel into the Republic of  
6 Korea (South Korea) with an initial invasion force of seven infantry divisions and a tank  
7 brigade; and

8 Whereas, in response to an urgent request of the United Nations Securities  
9 Council for member nations to come to the aid of the Republic of Korea, President Harry  
10 Truman authorized the use of the air and sea forces of the United States of America on  
11 June 27; and

12 Whereas, as American pilots began their bombing missions against North  
13 Korean troops on June 28, the United States of America suffered its first casualties in the  
14 Korean War; and

15 Whereas, American ground troops were ordered into the Republic of Korea on  
16 June 30, just two days after its capital, Seoul, fell to the invading North Korean Army;  
17 and

18 Whereas, over the next three years American men and women joined with their  
19 comrades from 14 other United Nations countries (Great Britain, Turkey, Canada,  
20 Australia, Thailand, France, Greece, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Colombia, Belgium,

1 Ethiopia, Luxembourg, and South Africa) to heroically repel the invading forces and to  
2 restore the political, civil, and military integrity of the Republic of Korea; and

3 Whereas, the American military presence in South Korea was the determining  
4 factor in the outcome of the first war in which the United Nations had engaged; and

5 Whereas, courageous Americans fought, bled, and died in every theater of  
6 operations in the Korean War; and

7 Whereas, the sacrifice, the heroism, and the gallantry of Americans at Inchon,  
8 Seoul, the Yalu River, the Pusan Perimeter, the Chosin Reservoir, Pork Chop Hill, the  
9 Iron Triangle, Heartbreak Ridge, and many other places on Korean soil were in the finest  
10 tradition of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

11 Whereas, of the 147,131 combat casualties suffered by United States forces  
12 during the Korean War, some 33,629 Americans were killed in action or died of battle  
13 wounds; and

14 Whereas, more than 177,000 North Carolinians served their nation in military  
15 service during the Korean War; and

16 Whereas, 2,272 North Carolinians were wounded in action and 784 North  
17 Carolinians made the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War; and

18 Whereas, three North Carolinians were awarded the Congressional Medal of  
19 Honor for their outstanding valor during the Korean War; and

20 Whereas, the week of June 25 - July 1 marks the 50th anniversary of the  
21 beginning of the Korean War; and

22 Whereas, it is right and fitting that a grateful State and nation should reflect  
23 upon and honor the important role that North Carolina and the United States of America  
24 played in the Korean War; and

25 Whereas, as all of America begins to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the  
26 beginning of the Korean War, the House of Representatives deems it just and proper to  
27 honor the lives and memory of the deceased American men and women who served in  
28 that war; Now, therefore,

29 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

30 Section 1. The House of Representatives expresses its gratitude and  
31 appreciation for all of the American men and women, who in military and civilian roles,  
32 sacrificed for and served their nation in the Korean War.

33 Section 2. The House of Representatives mourns the loss of all North  
34 Carolinians and all Americans who gave their lives in the Korean War.

35 Section 3. The House of Representatives extends its sincere sympathy and  
36 gratitude to the families of the deceased North Carolina veterans who served in the  
37 Korean War.

38 Section 4. The House of Representatives requests that all citizens of North  
39 Carolina memorialize the fallen heroes of the Korean War by taking an active part in the  
40 many events that are scheduled over the next three years to commemorate the 50th  
41 anniversary of the war.

42 Section 5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.