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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1864

Sponsors: Representatives Warner and Barefoot (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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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, Netherlands, Colombia, Belgium,
21 Ethiopia, Luxemborg, and South Africa) to heroically repel the invading forces and to
22 restore the political, civil, and military integrity of the Republic of Korea; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

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

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

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

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

40 Section 5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.