

## House Resolution 628

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Korean Vietnam Veterans Association of the Southeast  
2 Region; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States holds freedom, democracy, and self-determination as its  
4 highest ideals, and the United States entered the Vietnam Conflict to protect those ideals for  
5 the people of South Vietnam; and

6 WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea, having committed more than 325,900 service members,  
7 represented the second largest contingent of foreign troops in Vietnam who fought with  
8 distinction alongside American troops; and

9 WHEREAS, Korean soldiers were the last American ally to withdraw from Vietnam with  
10 nearly 5,099 Korean soldiers giving their lives and 12,000 wounded; and

11 WHEREAS, 2019 represents the 55th anniversary of the initial deployment of Korean  
12 service members in the Vietnam Conflict; and

13 WHEREAS, the alliance forged between the Republic of Korea and the United States before  
14 the Vietnam Conflict, and the commitments made during the course of the conflict, represent  
15 the indomitable friendship that is maintained between the two nations to this day; and

16 WHEREAS, more than 120,000 people of Korean descent, many of whom can trace their  
17 roots to Korean veterans of the Vietnam Conflict, reside in Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, approximately 95 percent of Korean veterans of the Vietnam Conflict living in  
19 the United States are American citizens, and many still suffer from the emotional, physical,  
20 and psychological effects resulting from their participation in that conflict; and

21 WHEREAS, the Korean Vietnam Veterans Association of the Southeast Region and its  
22 President, Lee Chun Bong, have worked tirelessly to advocate on behalf of Korean veterans  
23 of the Vietnam Conflict to recognize their sacrifices in defense of freedom and democracy.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend the sacrifices and service made by the  
26 members of the Korean Vietnam Veterans Association of the Southeast Region and its  
27 President, Lee Chun Bong, who dutifully fought alongside American service members in the  
28 defense of freedom and democracy.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 public and the press.