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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JUNE 17, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to commend Korean-
2 American veterans of the Vietnam Conflict for their valor and
3 loyal service to the United States.

4 WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of soldiers from the Republic
5 of Korea were sent to defend freedom around the globe during the
6 Vietnam Conflict, supporting American troops and the cause of
7 democracy and often paying with their lives; and

8 WHEREAS, There were 325,517 Korean soldiers who served in
9 Vietnam from 1964 until the last soldier left Saigon on March
10 23, 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, Korean soldiers were the second largest contingent
12 of troops sent by allies of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Korean soldiers battled bravely throughout the
14 theater, fighting alongside American soldiers and earning the
15 utmost respect and gratitude for their skills, dedication and
16 tenacity on the battlefield; and

17 WHEREAS, There were 5,099 Korean soldiers who lost their

1 lives defending the cause of liberty and 10,962 Korean soldiers
2 who were injured, many in defense of their American friends and
3 allies; and

4 WHEREAS, Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam Conflict
5 upheld the highest ideals of the United States through their
6 dedicated service and considerable sacrifices, with many
7 continuing to carry the visible and invisible wounds of war to
8 this day; and

9 WHEREAS, It is estimated that thousands of Korean veterans of
10 the Vietnam Conflict currently reside in the United States and
11 most of them have become American citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 8% of Korean-American veterans of the
13 Vietnam Conflict live in the Philadelphia area; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Congress of the United
15 States to commend Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam
16 Conflict for their valor and loyal service to the United States;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the
19 Korean-American Association of Greater Philadelphia as an
20 expression of the abiding gratitude of this country and this
21 Commonwealth for the service and sacrifices made by Korean-
22 American veterans of the Vietnam Conflict in defense of freedom
23 and democracy.