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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating May 30, 2020, as "America-Korea Alliance Day."
- 2 WHEREAS, At the end of World War II, Korea was a Japanese
- 3 colony occupied by the United States and the Soviet Union; and
- 4 WHEREAS, With American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines
- 5 in South Korea, the United States Forces Korea constituted a
- 6 major presence in the region; and
- 7 WHEREAS, On June 25, 1950, North Korea launched a full-scale
- 8 invasion of South Korea; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The United States came to the aid of South Korea,
- 10 leading a United Nations' force composed of more than a dozen
- 11 countries; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Communist China joined North Korea in the war in
- 13 November 1950, unleashing a massive Chinese ground attack
- 14 against American forces; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The United States sent approximately 90% of the
- 16 overall troops that were sent to aid South Korea; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The United States spent approximately \$67 billion on
- 18 the war; and

- 1 WHEREAS, On July 27, 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement was
- 2 signed and terms of the armistice include the creation of the
- 3 demilitarized zone (DMZ); and
- 4 WHEREAS, Almost 40,000 Americans died in action in Korea and
- 5 more than 100,000 were wounded; and
- 6 WHEREAS, As of February 2020, there are 8,075 American
- 7 soldiers still unaccounted for from the Korean War; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The survival of the Republic of Korea is dependent
- 9 on sustaining civil liberties, democracy and economic
- 10 development in the peninsula; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Continued alliance between South Korea and the
- 12 United States is vital for monitoring the growing nuclear threat
- 13 from North Korea; therefore be it
- 14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 30, 2020, as
- 15 "America-Korea Alliance Day."