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Whereas 50 years ago, 1,800,000 Americans answered the call to defend freedom in South Korea and fought the common foe of communism with 21 allied countries under the banner of the United Nations;

Whereas the United States suffered 36,576 dead and 103,284 wounded during the Korean War in some of the most horrific conditions in the history of warfare;

Whereas the Nation's Korean War veterans did not receive the proper welcome home, thanks, or recognition for selfless service and sacrifice that had been given to veterans of previous wars;

Whereas the bravery and sacrifices of the Nation's Korean War veterans and their families and next of kin should be properly honored and recognized, and the American people wish to join in thanking and honoring Korean War veterans and their families;

Whereas it is important to include the history of the Korean War in the curricula of the Nation's schools so that future generations will learn about and appreciate the sacrifices of Korean War heroes;

Whereas the final year of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration should be recognized by a national effort of programs and activities to officially thank, honor, and welcome home the Nation's Korean War veterans and to officially thank and honor their families and next of kin; and

Whereas 2003 marks the final year of the United States 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration and the 50th year of the Armistice, and efforts are under way to designate 2003 as the Year of the Korean War Veteran: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) declares to the Nation and the world that
4 the American people will never forget the Nation's
5 Korean War veterans or those who served the Na-
6 tion on the home front during the Korean War;

1 (2) recognizes and supports the goals and ideals
2 of the Year of the Korean War Veteran;

3 (3) requests the President to issue a proclama-
4 tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-
5 serve the Year of the Korean War Veteran with ap-
6 propriate ceremonies and activities to thank, honor,
7 and welcome home the Nation's Korean War vet-
8 erans; and

9 (4) urges the chief executive officers of the
10 States, and the chief executive officers of the polit-
11 ical subdivisions of the States, to each issue a proc-
12 lamation calling upon their citizens to "Pause to Re-
13 member" the Nation's Korean War veterans and
14 their families and next of kin with appropriate cere-
15 monies and activities.

Passed the House of Representatives July 21, 2003.

Attest:

Clerk.