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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the KOREAN PENINSULA was liberated by Allied Forces in 1945, freeing the citizens from decades of aggressive domination, occupation, and repression by the forces of Imperial Japan, and

WHEREAS the FREE WORLD FORCES led by the UNITED STATES established an elected Democratic Republic in their administrative zone South of 38 degrees North, and

WHEREAS the FORCES OF WORLD-WIDE EXPANSIVE COMMUNISM, led by the SOVIET UNION established a puppet state North of 38 degrees North, and

WHEREAS the retrenchment and ultimate withdrawal of US FORCES thrust upon the REPUBLIC OF KOREA a burden of defense for which they were unequipped, undermanned, unsupplied, inexperienced, and not sufficiently matured to undertake, and

WHEREAS the actions of the US FORCES, and by evident logic, the fledgling UNITED NATIONS, demonstrated a lack of concern about the manifest aggressive designs of the puppet state of NORTH KOREA, and

WHEREAS the conditions created by the UNITED STATES AND UNITED NATIONS invited hostile measures from regimes whose only legitimacy was derived from aggressive attacks on neighboring states and occupation of their territories, and

WHEREAS NORTH KOREA at the direction of the SOVIET UNION, and its allies, attacked their kinsmen in the REPUBLIC OF KOREA by a mass invasion on June 25, 1950, and

WHEREAS more than three years of bloody combat ensued between the US led UNITED NATIONS COMMAND and the COMMUNIST FORCES comprised of NORTH KOREA and COMMUNIST CHINA, and

WHEREAS the ensuing combat directly involved over twenty-five nations at the staggering combined cost in committed military forces (no data on North Koreans, Chinese are included) of 417,241 killed, 1,070,028 wounded, 61,313 missing (43,500 of them Americans), and 26,242 captured, and

WHEREAS estimates of civilian noncombatant deaths in the battle areas exceeded three million souls, exclusive of civilian deaths and casualties which have not been reliably reported by the CHINESE and NORTH KOREAN Governments, and

WHEREAS the Korean War was stopped and frozen in place generally along the original boundaries which obtained before the 1950 invasion by a unconsummated armistice agreement on July 27, 1953 after over two years of negotiations, and

WHEREAS the UN COMMAND/COMBINED FORCES COMMAND/US FORCES KOREA and their predecessor organizations have maintained the unresolved ceasefire from 1953 through 2006, during which time untold billions of American material, economic, and military assistance has been invested in the ROK and its economic and political transformation into the leading FREE WORLD power in the entire region, and

WHEREAS since 1953 over three million Americans have served in the ROK and along the DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ) along side of untold millions of ROK military men and women, and

WHEREAS after US training, development and support, the Armed Forces of the ROK have participated in expeditionary and peacekeeping operations for the UN and the FREE WORLD over 125 times, including an Army Corps in the VIETNAM WAR and for the past two years a reinforced brigade in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, and

WHEREAS service with the ROK and along the DMZ since 1953 has taken a continuing cost of American and Korean lives as the NORTH KOREANS repeatedly violated the ceasefire protocols, including the seizure of ROK and US ships in International Waters, mass assassinations in third countries of ROK citizens and legislators, bold forays of hostage taking into the ROK, the acquisition and threatened testing of nuclear arms, the development, firing and deployment of short, medium, and intercontinental missiles, and the sales and/or exchanges of arms and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) technology to terrorist and other states, and

WHEREAS the NORTH KOREANS have and continue to steadfastly oppose all overtures to negotiate, lessen tensions, or conclude an equitable peace treaty with the ROK and the UN nations which were parties to the 1950-53 war and the ceasefire protocols freezing that conflict in place, **BE IT THEREFORE**

RESOLVED that the US FEDERATION OF KOREA VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS (USFKVO) states its total opposition to changes in Status of Forces Agreements (SOFA), command relationships, basing and dispositions, or reductions in troops or arms involving the COMBINED FORCES COMMAND in KOREA until an equitable peace treaty providing for and guaranteeing the rights of a free ROK *and* providing a roadmap for the peaceful reunification of the Korean peoples *if* such is the manifest desire on the peoples of the Korean Peninsula; and, **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED that the USFKVO calls upon all veterans of service on the land, at sea, or in the air of the KOREAN PENINSULA to join in voicing their opposition to awarding the NORTH KOREA and/or any of their current support or controller states partners a victory by default which we have paid in blood to attain for the Korean peoples; and, **BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED that the USFKVO urges veterans groups of the US and other Nations to support and promote this RESOLUTION to preserve peace on the KOREAN PENINSULA and to oppose the current policy changes being proposed which would return the world situation concerning the KOREAN PENINSULA to the same as existed 1948-1950, which led directly to the carnage of the KOREAN WAR, 1950-53, and following.

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