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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MAY 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam Conflict for
2 their service to the United States and urging the Congress of
3 the United States to express appreciation and gratitude for
4 their loyal service during the Vietnam Conflict.

5 WHEREAS, Korean veterans of the Vietnam Conflict served
6 honorably throughout the conflict, fighting courageously
7 alongside the United States Armed Forces and often making the
8 ultimate sacrifice, with many later becoming United States
9 citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States holds as its highest ideals
11 freedom, democracy and self-determination; and

12 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam Conflict, more than 3 million
13 members of the United States Armed Forces fought bravely to
14 preserve and defend these ideals with some troops still missing
15 in action; and

16 WHEREAS, Not less than 58,193 members of the United States

1 Armed Forces were killed, more than 300,000 were wounded and
2 2,000 are still missing in action; and

3 WHEREAS, Soldiers from the Republic of Korea were sent to the
4 Vietnam Conflict to support the United States Armed Forces and
5 the cause of freedom at the request of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, From 1964 until the last soldier left Saigon on
7 March 23, 1973, 325,517 Korean soldiers served in Vietnam,
8 making Korean soldiers the second largest contingent of troops
9 sent by allies of the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Korean troops fought bravely throughout the theater
11 and were known for their dedication, tenacity and effectiveness
12 on the battlefield; and

13 WHEREAS, During the conflict, 5,099 Korean soldiers were
14 killed and 10,962 Korean soldiers were injured, many in defense
15 of United States friends and allies; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Approximately 8% of Korean-American veterans of the
20 Vietnam Conflict live in the Philadelphia area; and

21 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 20% of Korean veterans of the
22 Vietnam Conflict suffer from significant injuries, including
23 posttraumatic stress disorder, total disability and the effects
24 of the toxic defoliant, Agent Orange; and

25 WHEREAS, Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam Conflict
26 upheld the highest ideals of the United States through their
27 dedicated service and considerable sacrifices, with many
28 continuing to carry the visible and invisible wounds of war to
29 this day; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend Korean-

1 American veterans of the Vietnam Conflict for their service to
2 the United States and urge the Congress of the United States to
3 commend those veterans for their valor and loyal service to the
4 United States; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the
6 Korean-American Association of Greater Philadelphia as an
7 expression of the abiding gratitude of this Commonwealth for the
8 service and sacrifices made by Korean-American veterans of the
9 Vietnam Conflict in defense of freedom and democracy.