A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 61st anniversary of the Korean War Armistice
2   Agreement.

3   WHEREAS, The House of Representatives honors the service and

4 sacrifice of veterans of the Korean War who served, for the

5 first time in history, as part of an American-led multinational

6 military force under United Nations Command to protect one

7 nation's territorial integrity and independence; and

8   WHEREAS, President Harry S Truman ordered United States

9 military intervention in Korea on June 27, 1950, two days

10 following the invasion of South Korea by Communist North Korea

11 in a coordinated general attack along the 38th Parallel; and

12   WHEREAS, Nearly 2 million American men and women served in

13 Korea, with 36,576 American deaths, in three years of active

14 hostilities on land, on sea and in the air over and near the

15 Korean Peninsula; and

16   WHEREAS, The Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation's

17 highest tribute for combat bravery, was awarded to 131 members

1 of the United States Armed Forces who served in Korea; and

2   WHEREAS, While Operation Glory negotiated the post-armistice

3 exchange of the war dead between the United Nations Command and

4 North Korea, more than 7,500 Americans remain unaccounted for

5 from the war; and

6   WHEREAS, The Korean War Armistice Agreement, negotiated for

7 more than two years and signed on July 27, 1953, left the Korean

8 Peninsula divided at the 38th Parallel much as it had been since

9 the close of World War II; and

10   WHEREAS, In announcing the armistice to the American people,

11 President Dwight Eisenhower remarked:

12   Soldiers, sailors and airmen of sixteen different

13   countries have stood as partners beside us throughout

14   these long and bitter months. In this struggle we have

15   seen the United Nations meet the challenge of aggression

16   not with pathetic words of protest, but with deeds of

17   decisive purpose;

18 therefore be it

19   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the

20 61st anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Agreement.