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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Korean War, which was among the most destructive armed conflicts of the modern era, remains one of the world's longest ongoing wars, in which the Republic of Korea (South Korea), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), and the United States have suffered hundreds of thousands of casualties and losses, millions of civilians killed and wounded, and millions of families separated; and

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WHEREAS, On July 27, 1953, the United Nations Command, the North Korean People's Army, and the Chinese People's Volunteers entered into an armistice agreement; by its terms, it aimed to "insure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement is achieved"; and

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WHEREAS, The Korean War Armistice Agreement, by its terms, neither formally ended the war nor amounted to a final peaceful settlement; and

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WHEREAS, The persistence of a state of war poses a constant risk and threat to the national security of the United States and its allies; and

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WHEREAS, On April 27, 2018, the leaders of South Korea and

1 North Korea met in Panmunjom, located on the border between
2 North and South Korea, and declared that "there will be no more
3 war and a new era of peace has begun on the Korean peninsula";
4 they further committed "to declare the end of war" on the
5 Korean peninsula, being in agreement to promote meetings
6 involving the United States "with a view to replacing the
7 Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement and establishing a
8 permanent and solid peace regime"; and

9 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2018, the leaders of the United
10 States and North Korea met in Singapore and promised "to
11 establish new relations in accordance with the desire of the
12 peoples of the two countries for peace and prosperity"; and

13 WHEREAS, The failure to reach a final peace settlement on
14 the Korean peninsula has had long-term negative consequences
15 on human rights, humanitarian conditions, and world peace,
16 causing continued separation of families and incurred
17 misappropriation of resources to excessive military spending
18 rather than to the livelihoods of Americans and Koreans; and

19 WHEREAS, Fifteen Illinois National Guard units and their
20 subordinate commands were called to federal service during the
21 Korean War; and

22 WHEREAS, More than 1,789 Illinois servicemen shed blood

1 for their country and the freedom of the Korean people in the
2 Korean War; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois continues standing for
4 world peace, the national security of the United States,
5 universal human rights, and humanitarian conditions;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we pay tribute to the sacrifices of the veterans of the Korean
10 War, its victims, and the families separated by the war; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That we salute the Illinois National Guard
13 Korean War veterans and honor them for their commitment to
14 country, courage, and sacrifice; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we would welcome a statement by the United
16 States, in coordination with South Korea, declaring the end of
17 the state of war with North Korea; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we call for the conclusion of a binding
19 peace agreement constituting a formal and final end to the
20 state of war between South Korea, North Korea, and the United
21 States; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we affirm the vital role that women, who
2 would be particularly vulnerable to any resumption of armed
3 conflicts, must play in building a permanent and peaceful
4 settlement; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
7 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
8 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
9 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
10 Delegation.