

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 60

Introduced by Assembly Members V. Manuel Pérez and Cook

May 16, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 60—Relative to Korean War Armistice Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 60, as introduced, V. Manuel Pérez. Korean War Armistice Day.

This measure would proclaim July 27, 2011, as Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. It would urge Californians to remember the Korean War and those who fought against communism. It would also urge Governor Jerry Brown to proclaim July 27, 2011, as Korean War Armistice Day and instruct all state departments, agencies, interested groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the United States flag at half-mast on July 27, 2011, in memory of the veterans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On June 25, 1950, Communist armed forces from
2 North Korea violently disrupted the peace in the Land of the
3 Morning Calm as they crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South
4 Korea; and

5 WHEREAS, The Communist forces advanced rapidly and
6 ruthlessly and, at the outset, appeared close to an easy victory.
7 President Truman, recognizing the threat to South Koreans and
8 their democracy, responded swiftly and decisively. On June 27,

1 1950, President Truman committed the first United States forces
2 to combat in South Korea; and

3 WHEREAS, On some of the world's harshest terrain, through
4 the scorching heat of summer and numbing cold of winter, soldiers
5 from California fought to push the Communist North Koreans
6 back toward the 38th parallel; and

7 WHEREAS, Through months of attack and counterattack, falling
8 back and regaining ground, United States troops and our allies
9 refused to succumb to the attacks of enemy Communist forces.
10 Finally, negotiators signed an armistice agreement at Panmunjom
11 on July 27, 1953. Communist North Korean forces withdrew across
12 the 38th parallel, and the Republic of South Korea regained its
13 status as a free, democratic nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The veterans who fought in the Korean War will
15 never forget their experiences fighting for freedom against
16 communism and neither will their families. These veterans paid
17 the ultimate price and paved the way for the foundation of peace
18 and freedom that so many enjoy today; and

19 WHEREAS, In later years, while the Korean War would
20 sometimes be called "The Forgotten War," although more than
21 34,000 American lives were lost in combat, 92,000 were wounded,
22 and more than 8,000 were listed as missing in action or taken
23 prisoner, the members of the California Legislature have not
24 forgotten. We pay homage to the courage of our veterans who
25 fought in Korea and to those who died there or whose fate is still
26 unknown. We recall the grief of their families and the gratitude of
27 the people of South Korea. We remember that, in the Korean War,
28 our soldiers' brave stand against the evil advances of communism
29 laid the foundations of peace and freedom so many nations enjoy
30 today; and

31 WHEREAS, It is fitting that all Californians should take time
32 and gather to observe the anniversary of the Korean War Armistice
33 Day and honor our veterans who so courageously protect freedom;
34 now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature urges Californians to
37 observe the anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Day and
38 hereby proclaims July 27, 2011, as Korean War Armistice Day,
39 calling upon all Californians to observe this with appropriate

1 ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our
2 distinguished Korean War veterans; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges Governor Jerry Brown to
4 proclaim July 27, 2011, as Korean War Armistice Day and instruct
5 all state departments, agencies, interest groups, organizations, and
6 individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-mast on July
7 27, 2011, in memory of the Californians who died as a result of
8 their service in Korea; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the California Department of Veterans Affairs
11 and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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