

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 7

Introduced by Assembly Member Wagner
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to Korean War Armistice Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 7, as introduced, Wagner. Korean War Armistice Day.

This measure would proclaim July 27, 2013, as Korean War 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, 2013, 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, 2013, 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 Harry S. Truman, recognizing the threat to South Koreans

1 and their democracy, responded swiftly and decisively. On June
2 27, 1950, President Truman committed the first United States
3 forces to combat in South Korea; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, In later years, while the Korean War would
21 sometimes be called "The Forgotten War," although more than
22 34,000 American lives were lost in combat, 92,000 were wounded,
23 and more than 8,000 were listed as missing in action or taken
24 prisoner, the members of the California Legislature have not
25 forgotten. We pay homage to the courage of our veterans who
26 fought in Korea and to those who died there or whose fate is still
27 unknown. We recall the grief of their families and the gratitude of
28 the people of South Korea; and

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

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature urges Californians to
35 observe the anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Day and
36 hereby proclaims July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day,
37 calling upon all Californians to observe this with appropriate
38 ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our
39 distinguished Korean War veterans; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges Governor Jerry Brown to
2 proclaim July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day and instruct
3 all state departments, agencies, interest groups, organizations, and
4 individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-mast on July
5 27, 2013, in memory of the Californians who died as a result of
6 their service in Korea; and be it further

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

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