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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 7

Introduced by Assembly Member Wagner

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(Coauthors: Senators Berryhill and Fuller)

January 22, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to Korean War Armistice Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 7, as amended, 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
8 and their democracy, responded swiftly and decisively. On June
9 27, 1950, President Truman committed the first United States
10 forces to combat in South Korea; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, The veterans who fought in the Korean War will
23 never forget their experiences fighting for freedom against
24 communism and neither will their families. These veterans paved
25 the way for the foundation of peace and freedom that so many
26 enjoy today; and

27 WHEREAS, In later years, while the Korean War would
28 sometimes be called "The Forgotten War," although more than
29 34,000 American lives were lost in combat, 92,000 were wounded,
30 and more than 8,000 were listed as missing in action or taken
31 prisoner, the members of the California Legislature have not
32 forgotten. We pay homage to the courage of our veterans who
33 fought in Korea and to those who died there or whose fate is still
34 unknown. We recall the grief of their families and the gratitude of
35 the people of South Korea; and

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

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges Californians to
7 observe the anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Day and
8 hereby proclaims July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day,
9 calling upon all Californians to observe this with appropriate
10 ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our
11 distinguished Korean War veterans; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges Governor Jerry Brown to
13 proclaim July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day and instruct
14 all state departments, agencies, interest groups, organizations, and
15 individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-mast on July
16 27, 2013, in memory of the Californians who died as a result of
17 their service in Korea; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the Department of Veterans Affairs and to the
20 author for appropriate distribution.

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