

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6014

A RESOLUTION honoring all veterans from Kansas who served during the Korean War.

WHEREAS, Americans across this great nation are honoring veterans who served and fought so bravely 50 years ago during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Kansas are commemorating the service of Kansans who served and fought in the Korean War through various organizations and committees such as the Heartland Heroes and the 50th Anniversary Korean War Commemoration Committee; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America served as the lead nation for the first United Nations military action in the Korean War and veterans of the many campaigns from this war battled in some of the bloodiest and horrific combat ever faced by soldiers of our country; and

WHEREAS, Battles raged from the moment Communist forces invaded South Korea and legendary actions occurred such as the heroic delaying actions of Task Force Smith, the Inchon Landing and the Pusan Perimeter Breakout. The United States led coalition forces fought from the southern tip of the Korean Peninsula to the Yalu River border with China; and

WHEREAS, Many great Kansans participated in these epic battles, and Kansas National Guard units were called to service for this war. These patriotic Kansans served with honor and valiant distinction, as epitomized by great Kansas heroes such as Master Sergeant Stanley T. Adams of Olathe, Kansas, United States Army; and Corporal Jack A. Davenport, United States Marine Corps, of Mission, Kansas, who were awarded the Medal of Honor for gallant service during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, 50th Anniversary commemoration events will culminate in July, 2003, marking the cease fire that ended most direct action hostilities on the Korean Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, A state of war still exists in Korea, but through the stubborn and defiant efforts of soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors, many from Kansas, the cease fire has been observed for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, "The Forgotten War" because it happened so close to the end of World War II, shall not be forgotten, nor shall the efforts and heroism of the many brave veterans from Kansas who fought, died, and were wounded to further America's values and freedom for the people of South Korea: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we honor all veterans from Kansas who served during the Korean War upon this 50th anniversary of the Korean War and encourage the citizens of Kansas to study, learn and honor the service of these veterans; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Heartland Heroes and the 50th Anniversary Korean War Commemoration Committee.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body