

# South Dakota Legislature



## House Commemoration 8025

Introduced by: **Representatives** Reed, Anderson, Bartels, Barthel, Bordeaux, Borglum, Chaffee, Chase, Duba, Duvall, Finck, Goodwin, Gosch, David Johnson, Koth, Olson, Overweg, Perry, Kent Peterson, Post, Rasmussen, Reimer, Saba, and Steele and **Senators** Bolin, Nesiba, Novstrup, Partridge, Schoenbeck, Schoenfish, V. J. Smith, Soholt, Steinhauer, White, and Wiik

### **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring those who served in the Korean War on the seventieth anniversary of the war.**

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1950, communist North Korea invaded the Republic of Korea with approximately one hundred thirty-five thousand troops, thereby initiating the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after three years of bitter fighting, hostilities ended in a cease-fire marked by the signing of the armistice at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953. Seventy years later, the peninsula still technically remains in a state of war; and

WHEREAS, during the Korean War, approximately twenty-six thousand South Dakotans and nearly two million United States troops served in the Korean theater of operations, along with the forces of the Republic of Korea and twenty other member nations of the United Nations, to defend freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, one hundred sixty South Dakota residents died while serving in the Korean War between 1950 and 1953; and

WHEREAS, since the end of the Korean War, the United States has maintained large-scale military forces in Korea, ranging between fifty thousand and the current level of twenty-eight thousand five hundred United States Armed Forces members serving in Korea to defend external aggression and to promote regional peace:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the seventieth anniversary of the Korean War is recognized and that those who served there are commemorated and honored.