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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JULY 29, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 67th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.

2 WHEREAS, The Korean War began June 25, 1950, when North Korea  
3 invaded South Korea; and

4 WHEREAS, The Korean War officially ended July 27, 1953, in  
5 Panmunjom, North Korea; and

6 WHEREAS, Eighteen official copies of the tri-language Korean  
7 Armistice Agreement were signed by United States Army Lieutenant  
8 General William K. Harrison, Jr., senior delegate of the United  
9 Nations Command Delegation, North Korean General Nam Il, senior  
10 delegate of the Delegation of the Korean People's Army, and the  
11 Chinese People's Volunteers; and

12 WHEREAS, The document is somewhat exceptional since no nation  
13 is a signatory to the Korean Armistice Agreement, a purely  
14 military document; and

15 WHEREAS, Negotiations, leading to the execution of the Korean  
16 Armistice Agreement, consisted of 158 meetings spread over two  
17 years and 17 days; and

1       WHEREAS, The Korean Armistice Agreement, constituting the  
2 longest negotiated armistice in history, was effectuated at 10  
3 p.m. on July 27, 1953, when the truce went into effect; and

4       WHEREAS, The Korean Armistice Agreement provided for a  
5 suspension of open hostilities with both sides pledging not to  
6 "execute any hostile act within, from, or against the  
7 demilitarized zone," or enter areas under control of the other;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, A fixed demarcation line was established with a 4 km  
10 (2.4 miles) buffer zone, the so-called demilitarization zone;  
11 and

12       WHEREAS, A mechanism for the transfer of prisoners of war was  
13 included in the Korean Armistice Agreement; and

14       WHEREAS, The Korean Armistice Agreement called for the  
15 establishment of the Military Armistice Commission (MAC) and  
16 other agencies to ensure that the truce held; and

17       WHEREAS, MAC is comprised of members from both sides and  
18 still meets regularly in the truce village of Panmunjom; and

19       WHEREAS, Despite the relative peace since the war ended,  
20 tensions remain high between the two Koreas; and

21       WHEREAS, The border between North and South Korea remains the  
22 most heavily militarized frontier in the world; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 67th anniversary of  
24 the Korean War Armistice.