



Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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I am delighted to bring greetings as our nation commemorates the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, a day devoted to remember the valiant sacrifices and the patriotic services of our Korean War veterans.

As a Korean War veteran, I still remember the tough battles and sub-zero temperatures. During this relatively brief, but bloody conflict, nearly 1.8 million American men and women served on the Korean Peninsula from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, and at least 8,000 are unaccounted for. I am proud that my bill- Korean War Veterans Recognition Act- has been enacted to honor their sacrifices on July 27th, Armistice Day.

For the past sixty years, South Korea has always been one of our closest and most important allies, from shouldering our efforts in Vietnam to Afghanistan, to become one of our major trading partners. The United States remains committed to solidifying our blood-shed alliance with the Republic of Korea to help bring closure to the war that has yet to end, and to safeguard peace and stability on the Peninsula.

It is encouraging to see the commitment made by the Descendants of the Korean War Foundation to recognize the heroes who answered their nation's call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met. It is important that these veterans of the "Forgotten War" are remembered.

Korea will always have a place in my heart as it does in the hearts of all U.S. veterans who have served then and those who serve now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles B. Rangel".

CHARLES B. RANGEL
Member of Congress