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July 27, 2013

Descendants of the Korean War Foundation, Inc. 470 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. # 23043 Washington, D. C. 20026-3043

Dear Korean War Veterans and Guests.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Washington, DC. July 27th, 2013 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Signing of the Korean War Armistice. We are gathering tonight for two reasons: To honor the men and women that served in the defense of freedom and democracy on behalf of the South Korean people. Also, to remind today's youth that our current freedom and liberties are privileges earned from the investments of earlier generations. Freedom is not free. Each generation makes sacrifices so the next generation will benefit.

I appreciate the work of the Descendants of the Korean War Foundation's service in remembering and recognizing our Korean War Veterans, while acknowledging the accomplishments of their members. This excellent method ensures that Korean War Veterans will not be forgotten.

Very truly yours,

John Conyers, Jr.

Member of Congress

Ambassador Christopher F. Egan 5 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02116

May 15, 2013

Mr. Justin C. Rhee President Descendants of the Korean War Foundation 470 L'Enfant Plaza SW #23043 Washington, DC 20026

Dear Justin;

The Korean War was a major turning point for the people of Korea and a significant chapter in the history of the United States of America. I applaud you and the other volunteers of the Descendants of the Korean War Foundation for forming this organization whose mission it is to recognize, remember and honor the U.S. men and women who fought for freedom and democracy during the Korean War. I wish you continued success in efforts to offer scholarship and internship opportunities to the descendants of the Korean War Veterans.

I will be traveling during the time of your recognition and awards dinner in July, so I cannot attend. However, I wish you and your organization all the best and congratulations on launching a terrific foundation that has such a noble cause.

Respectfully yours,

Christopher F. Egan

U.S. Ambassador-retired

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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,

CHARLES B. RAN

Member of Congress