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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day**

3 FOR the purpose of designating July 27 as Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day.

4 WHEREAS, The Korean War was fought in Korea from 1950 to 1953 and involved
5 the North Korean People's Army in conflict with the United States armed forces, allies of
6 the United States, and the Republic of Korea Army; and

7 WHEREAS, Between June 1950 and July 1953, approximately 5.8 million
8 Americans served in the United States armed forces during the period of the Korean War;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, On July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed ending the war and the
11 United States armed forces began withdrawing troops; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 36,000 members of the United States armed forces, including
13 531 from the State of Maryland, lost their lives in Korea; more than 103,000 were wounded;
14 more than 8,200 are listed as missing in action or lost or buried at sea; and more than 7,600
15 are still unaccounted for; and

16 WHEREAS, Members of the United States armed forces who served bravely and
17 honorably for the United States during the Korean War returned home to public perception
18 of the war as "The Forgotten War" depriving them of proper appreciation for their patriotic
19 service; and

20 WHEREAS, In July 1995 the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the
21 District of Columbia, and in May 1990 a memorial was dedicated in Maryland to honor
22 those members of the United States armed forces who died and those who were declared
23 missing in action in the Korean War; and

24 WHEREAS, The designation of a "Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day" is an



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1 appropriate way for the State to properly thank and honor its members of the United States
2 armed forces for their service and sacrifice during the Korean War; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
4 Assembly of Maryland designates July 27 as Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
7 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
8 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
9 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.