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By: **Delegates Bromwell and Cadden, Cadden, Harrison, Conroy, Conway, Cryor, Edwards, Gordon, Kach, Krysiak, McHale, Menes, Stull, Walkup, and Wood**

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Grant of Federal Charter to the Korean War Veterans Association,**  
3 **Incorporated**

4 FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to support legislation to grant  
5 a federal Charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated; and  
6 expressing the General Assembly's gratitude to the veterans of the Korean War,  
7 honoring those who gave their lives in that war, and supporting the United  
8 States defense personnel currently assigned to South Korea.

9 WHEREAS, The officers and members of the Korean War Veterans Association,  
10 Inc. are concerned for the well-being of the approximately 7,500,000 American  
11 military service members who served in the Korean War during actual hostilities, and  
12 subsequently to preserve the freedom and independence of the Republic of Korea and  
13 the security of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, On July 27, 2005, the 52nd Anniversary of the signing of the  
15 Korean Armistice Agreement, H.R. 3476 was introduced in the United States House  
16 of Representatives by Representative Steny Hoyer of Maryland, a former President of  
17 the Senate of Maryland; and S. 1512 was introduced in the United States Senate by  
18 Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, with the purpose of granting a federal Charter to  
19 the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Sarbanes has stated that: "Granting this federal Charter,  
21 at no cost to the government, is a small expression of our appreciation for the  
22 extraordinary courage and sacrifice of our force in Korea and will afford the  
23 Association the same status as other major veteran organizations"; and

1 WHEREAS, The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. is the only fraternal  
2 veterans association in our nation devoted exclusively to Korean War veterans; it is  
3 the only United States member of the International Federation of Korean War  
4 Veterans Associations (IFKWVA, Seoul, South Korea); and its National President  
5 presently serves on the Executive Council of the IFKWVA, thereby bringing  
6 worldwide attention to the Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Organizations of veterans of foreign wars and conflicts occurring  
8 since the Korean War have been granted federal Charters; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
10 General Assembly expresses its profound gratitude to the brave veterans of the  
11 Korean War, many of whom are still afflicted by injuries; honors the memory of those  
12 who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War; and supports the United States  
13 defense personnel still assigned to South Korea; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges Maryland's Congressional  
15 Delegation and all members of Congress to support H.R. 3476 and S. 1512, granting a  
16 federal Charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., the same recognition  
17 already granted to most veterans groups; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
19 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.  
20 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;  
21 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, Benjamin L.  
22 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.  
23 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington,  
24 D.C. 20515; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
26 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;  
27 the Honorable ~~Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates~~ Thomas V. Miller,  
28 Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch,  
29 Speaker of the House of Delegates.