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Senate Joint Resolution 8 (Senator Klausmeier, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Rules and Executive Nominations

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

This joint resolution urges Maryland's Congressional Delegation and all members of Congress to support H.R. 3476 and S. 1512 which would grant a federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. The joint resolution also states that the General Assembly (1) expresses its gratitude to Korean War Veterans; (2) honors the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War; and (3) supports U.S. defense personnel still assigned to South Korea.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution would not affect State revenues or expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The Korean War was initiated on June 25, 1950 when the armed forces of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea (North Korea) invaded the Republic of Korea (South Korea). On July 27, 1953, the United States, North Korea, and China signed an armistice which ended the war. The U.S. Department of Defense reports that a total of 33,651 service members died in battle in the Korean War, and 7,140 service members became prisoners of war.

H.R. 3476 and S. 1512 were introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, respectively, on July 27, 2005. The federal legislation would grant a federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc, a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the State of New York. The federal legislation stipulates a number of purposes of the corporation, including: organize as a veterans' service organization in order to maintain a continuing interest in the welfare of veterans of the Korean War, and rehabilitation of the disabled veterans of the Korean War to include all that served during active hostilities and subsequently in defense of the Republic of Korea, and their families.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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