

RESOLUTION NO. 685

WHEREAS, the Korean War erupted on June 25, 1950, when the North Korean Army invaded the Republic of South Korea; and

WHEREAS, three days later, President Harry S. Truman ordered United States forces to defend South Korea; and

WHEREAS, 2.5 million men and women of our armed forces, 122,000 of which were from Washington State, met the test, fighting in harsh terrain and extremes of weather, in battles and actions the names of which reverberate fifty-four years later; and

WHEREAS, 528 Washington State residents and 5 Clallam County residents were killed in action between 1950 and 1953, and over 40 known men had been missing in action or held as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, 33,629 members of the United States armed forces lost their lives between 1950 and 1953; and

WHEREAS, 2,000 United States service members have died as a direct result of responding to one of the 40,479 hostile incidents or breaches since the truce has been signed; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the service and sacrifice of Washington State Korean War Veterans who served the nation in that war with such valor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the 60th Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Joint Memorial 4017 requesting the Transportation Commission to commence proceedings to name a portion of Highway 113 in Clallam County to honor the service and sacrifices of all who served in the Korean War;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes the service and commitment shown by those who served in the Korean War and honors their service by this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission expresses its appreciation to and respect for all Korean War Veterans by naming Highway 113 in Clallam County between the junction of Highway 101 (Sappho) and the junction of Highway 112, and Highway 112 from the junction of Highway 113 to the Makah Indian Reservation in Neah Bay the "Korean War Veterans' Blue Star Memorial Highway", and directs the Department of Transportation to provide signing so that future generations will remember the exemplary service of these war veterans.

ADOPTED this 17th day of July 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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