

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 140

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 140.

This concurrent resolution honors the Korean veterans of the Vietnam War and recognizes the sacrifices of those who served alongside the United States during the conflict. The Republic of Korea amassed a military in Vietnam second only to the United States, with over 300,000 troops being deployed over the course of their involvement in the conflict. The Korean troops provided effective operations and were relied on by the American war planners to provide protection to the South Vietnamese and prevent the North Vietnamese and Vietcong from dominating the areas. These veterans played a significant role in averting communist dominance in the South China Sea region.

As a result of the sacrifices that come with promoting life and liberty, over 5,000 ROK military personnel were killed and over 11,000 injured in addition to the approximately 58,000 United States military personnel killed and over 300,000 wounded. After the war, it is estimated that roughly 3,000 Koreans who fought in Vietnam became naturalized in the United States. Of these citizens, it is estimated that roughly 20 percent suffer from long-term health effects that directly resulted from their participation in the war.

New Jersey appreciates the United States and Korean veterans who served in Vietnam and promoted life and liberty.