

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8026

56th Legislature  
2000 Regular Session

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YEAS 48 NAYS 0

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President of the Senate

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YEAS 97 NAYS 0

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Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

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Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8026** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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Secretary

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Secretary of State  
State of Washington

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**By** Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Bauer, Heavey, Benton, Franklin, Eide, Patterson, Kline, Johnson, Gardner, Thibaudeau, Rossi, Goings, Hargrove, B. Sheldon, Horn, Haugen, Hochstatter, T. Sheldon, Swecker, Jacobsen, Fairley, Rasmussen, Prentice, Snyder, Stevens, Loveland, Roach, Hale, Honeyford, Brown, Spanel, Fraser, Costa, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles and Oke)

Read first time 02/04/2000.

1           TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE  
5 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

6           We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
8 represent and petition as follows:

9           WHEREAS, On Sunday, June 25, 1950, seven North Korean Army  
10 Divisions supported by tanks and aircraft, conducted an attack and  
11 invaded the Southern Republic of Korea; and

12           WHEREAS, Three years and over five million casualties later, a  
13 cease fire was secured ending the fighting only miles from where it  
14 began; and

15           WHEREAS, The Korean War has only become a footnote in history to  
16 most Americans, but was no less of a war to the one and one-half  
17 million fighting men and women from this nation who served in that  
18 short "Police Action" and struggled to contain Communist aggression;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, The memories of endless hostile hills, gritty pudding-like  
21 mud, snow, choking dust, frozen reservoirs, long periods of boredom,

1 and the violent death of friends will forever linger in the minds of  
2 those who fought under these inhospitable conditions; and

3 WHEREAS, Twenty-two nations joined forces with the courageous  
4 people of South Korea, cherishing freedom and democracy under the  
5 United Nations Command, and eventually secured a cease fire for the  
6 preservation of peace and a democratic way of life for the citizens of  
7 South Korea; and

8 WHEREAS, More than five hundred sons and daughters of Washington  
9 state stood in the unbroken line of patriots who dared to die in order  
10 that freedom might live and grow. Freedom lives and through it, these  
11 courageous men and women live in a way that would humble the  
12 undertakings of most people; and

13 WHEREAS, The families and loved ones of these men and women  
14 sacrificed just as much, by enduring the pain of their absence, the  
15 uncertainty of their whereabouts, and the agony of their deaths; and

16 WHEREAS, This millennium commemorates the 50th anniversary of that  
17 holocaust, known as "the Forgotten War" and veterans' service  
18 organizations are involved in honoring those gallant veterans who  
19 fought the battles for the preservation of freedom, and the members of  
20 the armed forces who even to this day guard the gates of freedom in  
21 Korea; and

22 WHEREAS, As a nation, we should educate every generation of  
23 Americans on the history of the Korean War in preserving our nation's  
24 liberty, freedom, and prosperity, and commemorating this event will  
25 provide Americans with a clear understanding of, and appreciation for,  
26 the sacrifices of these veterans and their families;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully encourage  
28 communities nation-wide to hold public recognition programs  
29 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War;

30 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
31 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
32 United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of  
33 Defense, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
34 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
35 Washington.

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