

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Dallum, Girod, Holvey, Lim, Riley, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	1/31, 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Recognizes and expresses appreciation for the contributions of Korean Americans and encourages Oregonians to join the yearly celebration of Korean American Day on January 13. Clarifies proper term of Korean "War." Specifies exact number of United States Armed Forces that were killed or wounded in battle.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Factual inaccuracies in original resolution

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies proper term of Korean "War." Specifies exact number of United States Armed Forces that were killed or wounded in battle.

BACKGROUND: On January 13, 1903, the first Korean Americans settled in Hawaii, and currently 25,000 Korean Americans live in Oregon. Additionally, South Korea is Oregon's second largest trading partner, exporting more than 1.3 billion in goods to South Korea in 2005.

On June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea and initiated the involvement of approximately 5,720,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States in the Korean War. Members of the Korean-American community also served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States in WW I, WW II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

The Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13 of each year as Korean American Day.