

THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 109
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Introduced: 4/30/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Veterans

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice of Korean American Vietnam War veterans residing in the State of California.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to approximately 700 Korean American Vietnam War veterans, representing the largest concentration of those veterans in the United States.
- 2) Korean American Vietnam War veterans served alongside the Armed Forces of the United States during the Vietnam War in defense of freedom and democracy. Many of these veterans later became naturalized United States citizens and longtime residents of the State of California.
- 3) Many of these veterans are now in their late seventies and eighties and suffer from combat-related illnesses, including exposure to Agent Orange and post-traumatic stress disorder.
- 4) The overwhelming majority of veterans are Medicare or Medicaid beneficiaries and continue receiving medical care through community physicians, and therefore pose no significant fiscal burden to the State of California.
- 5) Their service represents a profound symbol of the enduring alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

This resolution encourages continued cooperation between the United States and the Republic of Korea in matters concerning the welfare and dignity of these veterans.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/8/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/8/26)

None received

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