

## Senate Resolution 666

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Shafer of the 48th, Millar of the 40th, Henson of the 41st, Unterman of the 45th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the sacrifices and saluting the service of those veterans who are members of the  
2 Korean American Vietnam War Veterans of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this legislative body honors the sacrifices and salutes the service of those  
4 veterans who are members of the Korean American Vietnam War Veterans of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States holds freedom, democracy, and self-determination as its  
6 highest ideals, and the United States entered the Vietnam War to protect those ideals for the  
7 people of South Vietnam; and

8 WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, more than 325,900 soldiers from the Republic of  
9 Korea fought alongside American troops; and

10 WHEREAS, from 1964 until the last troops left Vietnam on March 23, 1973, their  
11 unwavering support in the fight for freedom and democracy resulted in nearly 5,099 Korean  
12 soldiers giving their lives and almost 12,000 being wounded in that effort; and

13 WHEREAS, while six other nations and many people from the region assisted and fought  
14 alongside American soldiers, the Republic of Korea was second only to the United States in  
15 the number of combat troops deployed to Vietnam; and

16 WHEREAS, the Korean troops were known throughout the conflict for their fierce combat  
17 skills, fighting alongside their brothers in arms; and

18 WHEREAS, approximately 95 percent of Korean veterans of the Vietnam War living in the  
19 United States are American citizens, and many still suffer from the emotional, physical, and  
20 psychological effects resulting from their participation in that conflict; and

21 WHEREAS, the people of this state owe a profound debt of gratitude to those citizens of the  
22 Republic of Korea who answered the call to protect and defend those liberties and values  
23 held so dear.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 honor the sacrifices and salute the service of those veterans who are members of the Korean  
26 American Vietnam War Veterans of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Korean  
29 American Vietnam War Veterans of Georgia.