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At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title XIII, insert the following:

SEC. 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING KOREAN AND KOREAN-AMERICAN VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Korean and Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam War served honorably throughout the conflict, fighting valiantly both in and alongside the United States Armed Forces, often making the ultimate sacrifice, with many later becoming United States citizens.

(2) Military cooperation in the Vietnam War is one of several examples that demonstrate the robust alliance of the United States and Republic of Korea, under shared commitment to democratic principles.

(3) During the Vietnam conflict, more than 3,000,000 members of the United States Armed Forces fought bravely to preserve and defend these ideals, among them many Korean Americans who
earned citations for their heroism and honorable service.

(4) The Republic of Korea joined the Vietnam conflict to support the United States Armed Forces and the cause of freedom at the request of the United States.

(5) From 1964 until the last soldier left Saigon on March 23, 1973, 325,517 members of the Republic of Korea’s armed forces served in Vietnam, the largest contribution of troops sent by an ally of the United States.

(6) Republic of Korea forces fought bravely throughout the theater and were known for their dedication, tenacity, and effectiveness on the battlefield.

(7) More than 17,000 Korean soldiers were injured, and over 4,400 Korean soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of United States friends and allies.

(8) There are approximately 3,000 naturalized Korean Americans who served in the Vietnam War currently living in the United States, many of whom suffer from significant injuries due to their service in Vietnam, including post-traumatic stress disorder,
total disability, and the effects of the toxic defoliant Agent Orange.

(9) Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam conflict upheld the highest ideals of the United States through their dedicated service and considerable sacrifices, with many continuing to carry the visible and invisible wounds of war to this day.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that Korean and Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam War who served alongside the United States Armed Forces in the Vietnam conflict fought with honor and valor.