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

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING KOREAN**
2 **AND KOREAN-AMERICAN VETERANS OF THE**
3 **VIETNAM WAR.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Korean and Korean-American veterans of
6 the Vietnam War served honorably throughout the
7 conflict, fighting valiantly both in and alongside the
8 United States Armed Forces, often making the ulti-
9 mate sacrifice, with many later becoming United
10 States citizens.

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

15 (3) During the Vietnam conflict, more than
16 3,000,000 members of the United States Armed
17 Forces fought bravely to preserve and defend these
18 ideals, among them many Korean Americans who

1 earned citations for their heroism and honorable
2 service.

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

7 (5) From 1964 until the last soldier left Saigon
8 on March 23, 1973, 325,517 members of the Repub-
9 lic of Korea's armed forces served in Vietnam, the
10 largest contribution of troops sent by an ally of the
11 United States.

12 (6) Republic of Korea forces fought bravely
13 throughout the theater and were known for their
14 dedication, tenacity, and effectiveness on the battle-
15 field.

16 (7) More than 17,000 Korean soldiers were in-
17 jured, and over 4,400 Korean soldiers made the ulti-
18 mate sacrifice in defense of United States friends
19 and allies.

20 (8) There are approximately 3,000 naturalized
21 Korean Americans who served in the Vietnam War
22 currently living in the United States, many of whom
23 suffer from significant injuries due to their service
24 in Vietnam, including post-traumatic stress disorder,

1 total disability, and the effects of the toxic defoliant
2 Agent Orange.

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

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

