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At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON KOREAN AND KOREAN-AMERICAN VETERANS OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Korean and Korean-American veterans of the war in Vietnam served honorably throughout the conflict, fighting valiantly both as a part of and alongside the United States Armed Forces and 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 South 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) South 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 South Ko-
rea’s armed forces served in Vietnam, the largest
contribution of troops sent by an ally of the United
States.

(6) South Korean forces fought bravely
throughout the theater and were known for their
dedication, tenacity, and effectiveness on the battle-
field.

(7) More than 17,000 Korean soldiers were in-
jured, and over 4,400 Korean soldiers made the ulti-
mate 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 who served alongside the United States Armed Forces in the Vietnam war fought with honor and valor.