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Commending veterans of the Korean Constabulary for their outstanding sacrifice and service and urging the Government of the Republic of Korea to recognize the service and sacrifice made by the Korean Constabulary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending veterans of the Korean Constabulary for their outstanding sacrifice and service and urging the Government of the Republic of Korea to recognize the service and sacrifice made by the Korean Constabulary.

Whereas the Korean Constabulary was organized in 1946 to provide support to the Korean National Police in maintaining civil order and served as the foundation for the Republic of Korea Army;

Whereas, within two years of its organization, the Korean Constabulary consisted of 26,000 members;

Whereas the Korean Constabulary was initially intended to supplement the Korean National Police during the unification and independence of South Korea;

Whereas, between 1946 and 1948, the Korean Constabulary undertook internal security tasks on behalf of the United States Military Government in Korea and the people of South Korea;

Whereas, in August of 1948, the Korean Constabulary was the core force upon which the Korean Army was established;

Whereas civil conflict in Korea compelled members of the Korean Constabulary to defend their fledgling country against internal unrest;

Whereas the Korean Government excluded Korean Constabulary officers from benefits when it enacted the Republic of Korea's Military Pension Act;

Whereas veterans of the Korean Constabulary believe they have been treated unfairly because they have not been granted pension or aid for healthcare and have been denied Korean military awards and distinguished honors, such as promotion, because their years of service before 1950 are unaccounted for;

Whereas, between 1946 and 1948, the Korean Constabulary was under the jurisdiction of the Department of National Defense, which later became known as the Department of Internal Security of the United States Military Government;

Whereas veterans of the Korean Constabulary seek assistance to recover due compensation from the Government of the Republic of Korea; and

Whereas veterans of the Korean Constabulary would like to be honored by the Republic of Korea for their service from the organization of the during the period from Korean Constabulary through 1948: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) commends the Korean Constabulary for
4 their bravery and honorable service, and thanks
5 them for their support, during the difficult times
6 leading to the establishment of the Republic of
7 Korea;

8 (2) recognizes members of the Korean Con-
9 stabulary for their service from January 14, 1946,
10 through August 1948; and

11 (3) urges the Government of the Republic of
12 Korea to reevaluate the current military benefits
13 program of the Republic of Korea, including the
14 benefits provided to veterans of the Korean Con-
15 stabulary.

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