

HONORING KOREAN WAR VETERANS

WHEREAS, on this the 60th anniversary of the Military Armistice Agreement signed at the end of the Korean War, we honor all who served in the Korean War and pay lasting tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives for our Nation; and

WHEREAS, through 3 years of combat, American service members and allied forces overcame some of the most unforgiving conditions in modern warfare, weathering bitter winters and punishing heat; and

WHEREAS, we honor our citizens who served including the tens of thousands of Americans who gave their lives defending a country they had never known and a people they had never met. Their legacy lives on not only in the hearts of the American people, but in a Republic of Korea that is free and prosperous in a world that is safer for their service; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the Military Armistice Agreement was signed, President Dwight D. Eisenhower noted that "with special feelings of sorrow and of solemn gratitude we think of those who were called upon to lay down their lives in that far off land to prove once again that only courage and sacrifice can keep freedom alive upon the earth;" and

WHEREAS, now, six decades later, we renew that call to honor and reflect; let us keep faith with our Korean War veterans by upholding the ideals they fought to protect and by supporting them with the care and respect they so deeply deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board does hereby acknowledge and honor the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War and in so doing, does hereby call upon all Buncombe County citizens to observe this anniversary with appropriate honor and gratitude to our distinguished Korean War veterans.
2. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 27th day of August, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN