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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bill Presson of Longview was presented with the
2 Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Republic of Korea on
3 August 5, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, This prestigious accolade is presented to United
5 States veterans of the Korean War as an expression of appreciation
6 from the Korean government; a U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Presson first
7 arrived in Korea in December 1952 as a second lieutenant assigned to
8 the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7th Infantry Division; his many
9 duties included repairing bunkers, installing machine gun
10 emplacements, and designing trenches to protect troops during the
11 Battle of Pork Chop Hill; after North and South Korea agreed to a
12 ceasefire on July 27, 1953, he served on the United Nations team
13 that was tasked with building the demarcation line, or the
14 Armistice Line, that separates the two nations; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Presson began his military career with the
16 U.S. Air Force in December 1950, and the following year, he joined
17 the U.S. Army; following his return to civilian life, he worked as
18 an oil production engineer for the Cities Service Company, which is
19 today known as CITGO; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love
20 and support of his wife, Bonita, with whom he has shared a rewarding
21 marriage that has spanned nearly 65 years; he is currently a
22 resident of the Arabella of Longview Senior Living Center, where he
23 is active in the Arabella Military Veterans Group; and

24 WHEREAS, Bill Presson exemplified the highest ideals of the

1 United States armed forces while carrying out his duties in the
2 Korean War, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring him for his
3 valiant service; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd
5 Called Session, hereby congratulate Bill Presson on receiving the
6 Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Republic of Korea and
7 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Presson as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas Senate.