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Mr. Hal Barker
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Dear Mr. Barker:

Three decades ago, nearly six million Americans put their lives on the line in Korea, yet no memorial stands to honor them. I would like to change that.

I am cosponsoring a bill which authorizes a memorial to be built in our Nation's Capital in honor of members of the Armed Forces who served in the Korean War.

The American Battle Monuments Commission, an agency of the Executive Branch, would oversee planning and construction of the Memorial. The Commission would also accept contributions from individuals who want to donate to the Memorial. Held in trust by the Commission until the project begins, these donations would help to defray the estimated $2.5 million cost of the project.

Our history books call the Korean conflict a "police action", yet the struggle was bitter, the sacrifice great. Nearly 54,000 Americans lost their lives. Another 100,000 were wounded and 5,000 were captured or missing in action. We paid a heavy price. But three years after landing in South Korea to turn back the invasion from the North, American troops left South Korea a free nation.

America has been blessed with many heroes. I am proud to be part of the effort to recognize those heroes who served the cause of freedom in Korea and especially those who were killed in action, listed as missing in action, or were held prisoners of war. No sacrifice is greater, and none is more deserving of our recognition and our most deeply felt thanks.

Sincerely,

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