ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1

By: Price, Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Monson, Muegge, Pierce, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright of the Senate

and

Langmacher and Bonny of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the contributions of and honoring the sacrifices made by Korean War Veterans; declaring July 27, 1995, and every July 27th thereafter, as Korean War Veterans Day in the State of Oklahoma; directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Korean War Veterans served their country with valor and distinction from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953. The joint efforts of the United States and South Korea since then have benefited the citizens of the two countries and the peoples of the Asian Pacific region. Our relationship has made that region more secure, more prosperous and more free; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the sacrifices of those who answered the call of their nation shall be remembered. Veterans of Korea served America valiantly during one of the most destructive wars of this century. Their experiences remind all Americans of our great debt to those who have risked, and sometimes lost, their lives in defense of our liberty. As a state, we must always remember the

sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform and by their families; and

WHEREAS, the 45th Infantry Division, the legendary Thunderbirds, was one of two National Guard units called up for duty in the Korean War. At the time of the Korean War, the 45th Infantry Division was comprised solely of Oklahoma soldiers who fought in some of the more memorial battles during the Korean Conflict including Pork Chop Hill, Heartbreak Ridge, Luke's Castle, Old Baldy, and T-Bone during 429 consecutive days of combat duty. Today there are approximately 67,000 veterans of the Korean Conflict residing in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., is scheduled to be dedicated on July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the signing of the Korean Armistice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the contributions of and honors the sacrifices made by Korean War Veterans.

THAT July 27, 1995, and every July 27th thereafter, is hereby declared "Korean War Veterans Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, the Curator of the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Adopted by the Senate the 29th day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives