Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 27, 2008

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, today marks the 55th Anniversary of the Armistice that ended the Korean War on July 27, 1953; and

WHEREAS, approximately one and a half million Americans served in Korea during the three years of the war; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia sent thousands of uniformed men and women to Korea, suffering 547 casualties; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's brave men and women served proudly and with distinction to fight the spread of an anti-democratic ideology, despite the fact that they were not yet permitted to vote in elections for President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, or Mayor of Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, our nation's military personnel understand the sacrifices that must be made to preserve freedom, and those who served in the Korean War were witness to extraordinary bravery, sacrifice, and heroism; and

WHEREAS, Washington, DC is the proud home of the national Korean War Veterans Memorial:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2008, as **"KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY"** in Washington, DC and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in honoring all veterans of the Korean War.

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Mayor, District of Columbia