

Second Reading

Subject: Resolution No. 1612-13A1
Commemorating the Korean War Memorial and Encouraging
Related Curriculum
- Commissioners Emily M. Murase and Jill Wynns

WHEREAS: In 2009, the Korean War Memorial Foundation, undertook the mission to design and build a Korean War Memorial in San Francisco, in order to commemorate the sacrifices made by the nearly 2 million men and women in the U.S. military who fought in the so-called “Forgotten War,” educate future generations about those sacrifices, and ensure that those generations never forget the true cost of war and the true price of freedom; and,

WHEREAS: That primary mission was accomplished on August 1, 2016, when the completed Memorial was officially opened to the public in the Presidio, adjacent to the National Cemetery, overlooking the Pacific Ocean which Korean war veterans crossed to engage in a historic and important war that too few are familiar with; and,

WHEREAS: Now that the Memorial is open, efforts are focused on ensuring that future generations remember the Korean War and those who sacrificed to defend democracy and protect South Korea’s freedom.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Board of Education requests the Superintendent to encourage

1. San Francisco Unified School District middle school and high school staff and faculty in history, social science, and related fields, to incorporate curriculum about the Korean War into their syllabi; and,
2. These staff and faculty as well as SFUSD staff and faculty at elementary schools to organize field trips to the Korean War Memorial as part of this curriculum; and
3. Interested staff and faculty to participate in the National Council of Social Studies teacher training on the Korean War scheduled for June 2017 at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco; and apply for the program that will fund 20 teachers to visit Korea to reinforce the training through people-to-people connections.

- Referred by order of the Chair on 12/13/16 to the Budget and Business Services Committee.
- Taken up by the Budget and Business Services Committee on 2/1/17. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee.
- By request of the author to Chairman Haney, this resolution will be heard by the Curriculum and Program Committee.
- Taken up by the Curriculum and Program Committee on 2/16/17. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee.

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