

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:**

**AGENDA DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:**

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:**

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

**SUBJECT:**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Korean War was one of the first conflicts of the Cold War, beginning when North Korean forces crossed the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel into South Korea on June 25, 1950; stiff resistance from United Nations troops led to the intervention of the People's Republic of China in November of 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, often called the Forgotten War, the Korean War continued for three years and cost the lives of more than 54,000 American servicemembers, with more than 103,000 wounded; the courage and sacrifice of these brave men and women prevented a communist takeover of South Korea, which has since become a prosperous, thriving United States ally; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Korean War, approximately 1,789,000 members of the United States Armed Forces served in theater of operations along with the forces of the Republic of Korea and 20 other members of the United Nations to defend freedom and democracy: and

**WHEREAS**, casualties of the United States during the Korean War included 54,246 dead (of whom 33,739 were battle deaths), more than 103,284 wounded, and approximately 8,055 listed as missing in action or prisoners of war; and

**WHEREAS**, the Korean War Veterans Recognition Act (Public Law 111-41) was enacted on July 27, 2009, so that the honorable service and noble sacrifice by members of the United States Armed Forces in the Korean War will never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 72 years since the outbreak of the Korean War, the Republic of Korea has emerged from a war-torn economy into one of the major economies in the world and one of the largest trading partners of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, since the end of the Korean War era, more than 28,500 members of the United States Armed Forces have served annually in the United States Forces Korea to defend the Republic of Korea against external aggression, and to promote regional peace; and

**WHEREAS**, from the ashes of war and sharing of spilled blood on the battlefield, the United States and the Republic of Korea have continuously stood should-to-shoulder to promote and defend international peace and security, economic prosperity, human rights, and the rule of law both on the Korean Peninsula and beyond: and

**WHEREAS**, we will forever honor the legacy of Korean War Veterans who uphold the ideals they secured through this hard-won victory, and we pay tribute to the American Patriots who fought for freedom and democracy throughout the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, it is truly fitting that the Korean War and its veterans receive recognition for their bravery and their devotion to duty; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. honors the noble service and sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces and the armed forces of allied countries that served in Korea since 1950 to the present; and
2. recognizes the commitment of the United States to its alliance with the Republic of Korea for the betterment of peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula; and
3. honors and recognizes those souls who gave the ultimate sacrifice during this war; and
4. recognizes the Korean War Veteran Association (KWVA), Col. Joseph C. Rodriguez, Medal of Honor, Chapter 249 for their efforts with Texas State Senator Cesar Blanco, through the passage of SB 1704, to erect state highway signage honoring Korean War Memorial Veterans; and
5. supports the highway signage project designating a segment of Patriot Freeway (U.S. 54) as the “Korean War Memorial Highway”.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

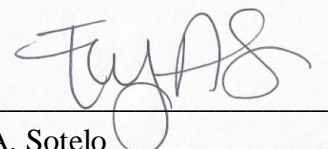
**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Oscar Lesser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Evy A. Sotelo  
Assistant City Attorney