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July 23, 2014 - Victoria, B.C. - Jane Shin, the first Korean-born MLA elected to the BC Legislature and Bruce Ralston, MLA for Surrey-Whalley and Critic for Multiculturalism issued a statement on Bill S-213 that established July 27 as the national Korean War Veterans Day.

"I call on our citizens to observe July 27, the 2nd Korean War Veterans Day, and remember the contributions and achievements made by Canadians in Korea in fighting for peace, freedom and justice. Our contribution included sailors from eight destroyers and airmen who took part in many combat and transport missions," said Ralston.

Shin said, "All told, 26,791 Canadians served in Korea between 1951 through 1955, and in total 516 brave young Canadians paid the ultimate price with their lives. We should never forget their sacrifice."

For more information on Canada's role in the Korean War, visit veterans.gc.ca.

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