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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR COMMEMORATES 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE IN BRAMPTON

BRAMPTON, ON: Mayor Susan Fennell was joined today by The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Her Honour, Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley at a City Hall reception honouring the Korea War Veterans Association of Canada on the occasion of the 56th anniversary of the Korean War armistice.

“Today marks an important event in world history and is particularly meaningful to the many Canadian veterans who bravely served in Korea,” said Mayor Fennell. “The City of Brampton is honoured to be the home of the Korea Veterans National Wall of Remembrance, Canada’s memorial to those who served and sacrificed their lives to protect the freedom of others.”

The reception, held in the atrium of City Hall, followed a memorial service at Meadowvale Cemetery, where the Korea Veterans National Wall of Remembrance is located. Veterans from across Canada attended the ceremony and reception, and were joined by a small contingent of U.S. Korean War veterans.

“The Korea Veterans Association is proud to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the Korean War cease-fire at our national war memorial in Brampton’s Meadowvale Cemetery,” said Terry Wickens, National President of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada. “It was an honour for us to have The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario as our reviewing officer, and to be supported by the Consul General of Korea, Ji-In Hong and Mayor Susan Fennell during this important occasion.”

This year marks the 56th anniversary of the signing of the Korea Armistice Agreement, which effectively ended the three-year conflict. 26,791 Canadians served in the Korean War, of which 516 lost their lives in battle.

The Korea Veterans Association of Canada selected Brampton to be the site of the Korea Veterans National Wall of Remembrance, and on July 27, 1997 the memorial was dedicated in Meadowvale Cemetery. An event is held annually on the anniversary of the armistice to celebrate the cessation of hostilities, pay tribute to Canada’s fallen soldiers, and remember those that perished in Korea in the immediate post-war period.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor for the third consecutive year, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City's 2009 operating budget is \$400.8 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$700 million. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City of Canada and won the 2008 International Communities in Bloom competition. It is also the first city in the GTA and one of only 10 in North America to have been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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