**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BRAVE VETERANS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022, AS “WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Where, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was passed by the United States Congress and was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump early in 2017 to establish March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day, also known as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” and to encourage the display of the United States flag; and

Whereas, although the day is not recognized as a federal holiday, the day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans and their families during the Vietnam War and is designed to honor those service members who served in that conflict and returned to the United States without receiving a proper welcome home due to the unpopularity of the war; and

Whereas, the date was chosen to commemorate the day that the last United States combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil, March 29, 1973, nearly a half century ago; and

Whereas, by setting aside March 29 as a day to focus on Vietnam veterans, citizens of the United States can show unified gratitude for the service and sacrifices these veterans made on their behalf; and

Whereas, some 2.7 million United States service members served in Vietnam. More than fifty‑eight thousand were killed, and more than three hundred four thousand were wounded; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives should encourage communities across the Palmetto State to honor Vietnam veterans on March 29 through the sponsorship of appropriate events; and

Whereas, with appreciation and gratitude, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting the members of the United States Armed Forces who served their country during the Vietnam War. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor the brave veterans across the United States who served in the Vietnam War and declare Tuesday, March 29, 2022, as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” in South Carolina.

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