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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM APRIL 30, 2011, AS "VIETNAM VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY".

1           WHEREAS, on January 15, 1973, then-President Richard M.  
2 Nixon announced that the United States would suspend offensive  
3 action against North Vietnam; and  
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5           WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, direct United States  
6 involvement in the Vietnam War was officially ended by the  
7 signing of the Paris Peace Accords, entitled "Ending the War and  
8 Restoring Peace in Vietnam"; and  
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10           WHEREAS, a cease-fire was declared across North and South  
11 Vietnam and United States prisoners of war were released; and  
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13           WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973, all United States military  
14 withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the treaty; and  
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16           WHEREAS, by April 30, 1973, all Americans, including  
17 military and civilians, had departed from South Vietnam;  
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19           WHEREAS, because of the civil unrest of that period in  
20 history, many Vietnam veterans came home to a politically  
21 divided country and did not receive the supportive, appreciative  
22 homecoming that is normally given to our servicemen and  
23 servicewomen who return home from overseas combat; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the courage and dedication of our troops in the  
26 Vietnam War was no less than their fellow servicemen and  
27 servicewomen overseas in other conflicts, and is equally  
28 deserving of our honor, gratitude, and support; and  
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30           WHEREAS, in recognition of the sacrifice and hardship of  
31 our Vietnam veterans, the United States Senate on March 8, 2011,  
32 declared April 30, 2011, as "Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day"  
33 to encourage Americans to give them a long overdue, warm welcome  
34 home; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-Sixth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,  
3 that the Governor is requested to proclaim April 30, 2011, as  
4 "Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day"; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Adjutant General, and  
8 the respective directors of the United States Veterans  
9 Administration, Hawaii Office of Veteran Services, Veterans of  
10 Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of  
11 America, and the American Legion.

