

MAR 16 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM MARCH 30, 2011, AS "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS 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, because of the civil unrest of that period in
17 history, many Vietnam veterans came home to a politically
18 divided country and did not receive the supportive, appreciative
19 homecoming that is normally given to our servicemen and
20 servicewomen who return home from overseas combat; and
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22 WHEREAS, the courage and dedication of our troops in the
23 Vietnam War was no less than their fellows in uniform in other
24 conflicts, and is equally deserving of our honor, gratitude, and
25 support; and
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27 WHEREAS, in recognition of the sacrifice and hardship of
28 our Vietnam veterans, the United States Senate on March 8, 2011,
29 declared March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" to
30 encourage Americans to give them a long overdue, warm welcome
31 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, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
4 requested to proclaim March 30, 2011, as "Welcome Home Vietnam
5 Veterans Day"; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Adjutant
9 General, and the respective directors of the United States
10 Veterans Administration, Hawaii Office of Veteran Services,
11 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam
12 Veterans of America, and the American Legion.
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