

LATE TESTIMONY

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
Department of Hawaii
Office of the Senior Vice Commander
Honolulu, Hawaii

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TO; Senator Will Espero
Chairman, Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and
Military Affairs
Members of the PGM Committee

Request to Recommend Change to SCR 175

Designating March 30, 2011 as
“Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day”

Senate Concurrent Resolution 175 was introduced to coincide with the U.S. Senate Resolution which was passed on March 8, 2011 which encouraged all Americans to officially recognize our Vietnam veterans for their sacrifice and to demonstrate a warm welcome to these soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and coast guard who returned from a war politically divided country. The date was set to honor the veterans was March 30, 2011 which was to coincide with the signing date of the Paris Peace Accord on March 29, 1973.

Since this date has passed I would like to revise this “Appreciation Day” from March 30, 2011 (as indicated on this resolution) to April 30, 2011, which on April 30th, 1975, all American military and civilian personnel departed from South Vietnam. This revised resolution would officially, from our State government, recognize all of the remaining living Vietnam veterans in the State of Hawaii and officially express the sincere “mahalo” from the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to express my support for this resolution. I am available for any questions..

With Every Best Wishes,

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