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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961  
3 to 1975 and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in  
4 conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South  
5 Vietnam; and

6           WHEREAS, The United States became involved by serving in  
7 an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in 1961; and

8           WHEREAS, In 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat  
9 units arrived in Vietnam, and by the end of that year, there  
10 were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam with a peak of  
11 approximately 500,000 troops in 1969; and

12           WHEREAS, On January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was  
13 signed, which required the release of all United States  
14 prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of  
15 all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; by March  
16 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the  
17 withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

18           WHEREAS, More than 58,000 members of the United States  
19 Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam, and more than  
20 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was  
2 dedicated in Washington, D.C. to commemorate those members of  
3 the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared  
4 missing-in-action in Vietnam; and

5           WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces who  
6 served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the  
7 Vietnam War were caught upon their return home in the  
8 crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United  
9 States in the Vietnam War; and

10           WHEREAS, March 29th marks the 50th anniversary of the day  
11 that combat and combat support units withdrew completely from  
12 South Vietnam; and

13           WHEREAS, Veterans of the Vietnam War faithfully served and  
14 contributed to the military and, in the 50 years since, have  
15 faithfully served and contributed to their communities since  
16 returning home; and

17           WHEREAS, Vietnam War veterans have worked for the last 50  
18 years to promote awareness of the importance of communities  
19 empowering veterans and the necessity of helping veterans  
20 readjust to civilian life after military service; and

21           WHEREAS, Vietnam War veterans have worked to assist

1 veterans returning from other conflicts, including wars in  
2 Afghanistan and Iraq, and to support the reintegration of  
3 younger veterans into civilian life; and

4 WHEREAS, The establishment of a day to welcome home  
5 Vietnam veterans is an appropriate way to honor those members  
6 of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during  
7 the Vietnam War; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we declare March 29, 2023 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day  
11 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That all citizens of the State of Illinois are  
13 encouraged to honor our Vietnam veterans.