
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR VIETNAM
VETERANS AS WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
VIETNAM WAR.

1 WHEREAS, 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of United States
2 ground troops arriving in Vietnam; and
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4 WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Commemorative
5 Committee, authorized by this body and the Governor of
6 Hawaii, is leading our state's efforts to honor the service and
7 sacrifice of Vietnam-era Veterans, from 2015 through 2017; and
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9 WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Commemorative
10 Committee is assisting a grateful nation in thanking and
11 honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families, as well as the
12 fallen, the wounded, those who were held as Prisoners of War,
13 and those listed as missing and unaccounted for; and
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15 WHEREAS, our appreciation and gratitude is all the more
16 meaningful today, when considering that the service and
17 sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans has been overlooked and
18 underappreciated at times; and
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20 WHEREAS, the gentlemen we recognize today belong to a
21 generation of honorable men who served with distinction, yet
22 whose bravery and commitment to our country was not always
23 appreciated, and sometimes even the subject of ridicule and
24 hurtful rhetoric, given the popular anti-war sentiments of those
25 times; and
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27 WHEREAS, the trail that these gentlemen blazed has now
28 paved the way for current realization that as citizens of our
29 country, we should always appreciate the service of and
30 sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces,
31 regardless of what our personal political beliefs may be; and
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1 WHEREAS, five Vietnam Veterans in particular - COL. EDWARD
2 R. CRUICKSHANK, US Army (Ret.), LtCol RICHARD SPOTSWOOD
3 ROBERTSON, USMC (Ret.), LtCol DAVID E. BELATTI, USMC (Ret.), Mr.
4 DAVID UMEDA, US Army Veteran, and Mr. RENE BERTHIAUME, USMC
5 Veteran - embody the courage, dedication, and selflessness of
6 all Vietnam Veterans who deserve to be thanked and honored,
7 including those held as Prisoners of War or listed as missing in
8 action; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2016, that this body hereby thanks and honors the
13 above-named gentlemen and their families, as well as all Vietnam
14 Veterans for their service during the war and their continued
15 contributions upon returning home to our nation and the State of
16 Hawaii.
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