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HOUSE RESOLUTION 743

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

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

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

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

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

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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 anniversary of the day that
11 combat and combat support units withdrew completely from South
12 Vietnam; and

13 WHEREAS, On March 7, 2011, the 112th U.S. Congress agreed
14 to Senate Resolution 55, honoring veterans who served in
15 Vietnam by designating March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam
16 Veterans Day"; and

17 WHEREAS, The establishment of a "Welcome Home Vietnam
18 Veterans Day" is an appropriate way to honor those members of
19 the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during
20 the Vietnam War; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we declare March 29, 2022 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
3 Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

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