

1           A RESOLUTION observing Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Kentucky  
2 and honoring Vietnam veterans for their courage and sacrifice while serving our great  
3 nation.

4           WHEREAS, on March 30, 2016, Governor Matt Bevin signed into law SB 178,  
5 designating the thirtieth of March as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in the  
6 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

7           WHEREAS, there are over 125,000 Kentucky Vietnam veterans in the  
8 Commonwealth, and they have contributed greatly to business, art, medicine, science,  
9 technology, and government service; and

10           WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces,  
11 including 1,103 from Kentucky, lost their lives in Vietnam, and more than 300,000  
12 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and

13           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the city of  
14 Frankfort to honor the 125,000 Kentuckians who served this nation so courageously and  
15 unselfishly during the Vietnam era; and

16           WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of  
17 the United States, and the crossfire of debate about the country's involvement in the war  
18 prevented many members of the Armed Forces from receiving the honor and respect they  
19 deserve; and

20           WHEREAS, although civil discourse about the political affairs of the United States  
21 should be encouraged, it is never too late to say, "I am sorry," and, "thank you," to our  
22 Vietnam veterans; and

23           WHEREAS, the establishment of Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day by the  
24 General Assembly in 2016 was an appropriate way to express appreciation and honor the  
25 members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as the members of service  
26 organizations who bravely served the country and their fellow citizens during the  
27 Vietnam War; and

1           WHEREAS, this honorable body encourages the people of the Commonwealth to  
2 observe this day with ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the numerous  
3 contributions of veterans who served in Vietnam and the importance of helping all of  
4 America's veterans return home and achieve happy, healthy, and productive lives;

5           NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8           ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes and honors Vietnam  
9 veterans for their bravery and sacrifice while serving our great nation. It is with the  
10 greatest respect that this honorable body commemorates the thirtieth of March as  
11 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

12           ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
13 honor of all the brave men and women who served our great nation during the Vietnam  
14 War.