
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JANUARY 31, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 31, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 29, 2024, as "National Vietnam War Veterans
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed in
4 2017, designates March 29 of each year as "National Vietnam War
5 Veterans Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, On this day, we honor and give thanks for the
7 service and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans and their families
8 and for the valor of servicepersons killed or missing in action;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, We remember the long engagement of United States
11 Armed Forces, wartime support organizations and our nation's
12 allies as well as the contributions made by civilians; and

13 WHEREAS, We reflect on the era's advances in technology,
14 science and medical practice and the wealth of records and
15 research associated with the war; and

16 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins in paying tribute

1 to United States military personnel called to active duty
2 between November 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, whether in-country,
3 in-theater or deployed elsewhere in support of operations in
4 Southeast Asia; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 9 million Americans were on active duty
6 during that period, with an estimated 2.7 million serving in-
7 country or in-waters; and

8 WHEREAS, More than 58,000 servicepersons, including nearly
9 3,150 Pennsylvanians, died; and

10 WHEREAS, Their names are etched on the black granite panels
11 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC; and

12 WHEREAS, A reported 2,500 Americans were held as prisoners of
13 war; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 Americans were wounded; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense has
16 indicated that 1,587 Americans are unaccounted for in Southeast
17 Asia; and

18 WHEREAS, To mark the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, The
19 United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was
20 established pursuant to the 2008 National Defense Authorization
21 Act; and

22 WHEREAS, Public and private commemorative partner agencies
23 and organizations began hosting official events on Memorial Day
24 2012; and

25 WHEREAS, Commemorative events, including wreath-laying
26 ceremonies and presentation of Department of Defense lapel pins
27 for veterans and surviving spouses, are slated to continue
28 nationwide through Veterans Day 2025; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
30 29, 2024, as "National Vietnam War Veterans Day" in

1 Pennsylvania.