

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 158

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor Tennessee's Vietnam Veterans at the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans celebration in Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces of the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Chapter 203 of Chattanooga will host a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans celebration March 27-29, 2017, to humbly pay tribute to those courageous warriors; and

WHEREAS, the celebrations will include opening remarks by the Mayor of Hamilton County and the Mayor of Chattanooga, a National Welcome Home pinning ceremony by the Department of Defense and Daughters of the American Revolution, and a special candlelight tribute at the National Cemetery to the 124 servicemembers from the area who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the event will also include a screening of the film *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*, based on the book co-authored by Joe Galloway, a war correspondent and the only civilian decorated for heroism in the Vietnam War; Mr. Galloway will deliver the keynote address at the celebration; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds raised for the event will be given to the Chattanooga Vietnam Permanent Memorial Committee to establish a memorial on Patton Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly most heartily support the goals and ideals of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration and wish to honor the service and

sacrifice of Tennessee's unsung heroes whose courageous actions ultimately shaped the history of our great country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with VFW Chapter 203 in remembering those men and women who sacrificed their lives defending our nation in the Vietnam War and honoring all Vietnam veterans at the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.