

No. R-401. Joint resolution urging Congress to designate March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day.

(J.R.H.31)

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marcotte of Coventry, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Moran of Wardsboro, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Turner of Milton, Winters of Williamstown, Wright of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the last 2,500 United States troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, ending American military involvement in what was the longest war in our country's history, and

Whereas, the President designated March 29, 1974 as Vietnam Veterans Day, and

Whereas, the 58,195 honorable and brave souls who fought and died during the Vietnam War, the many who remain missing in action, and all those who have died since from the consequences of that war deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of our nation, and

Whereas, the men and women who served with dedication, honor, and pride during the Vietnam War era in Vietnam, elsewhere overseas, or in the United States merit special honor and recognition, and

Whereas, the families whose loved ones gave their lives for our country during the Vietnam War should always be in our thoughts, and

Whereas, many men and women came home from Vietnam with physical and emotional wounds, and their families are committed to a lifetime of care and support for their loved one, and these families should be honored, and

Whereas, the citizens who stood by and supported, without reservation, the families of the fallen as well as the Vietnam veterans who returned and their families all are worthy of praise, and

Whereas, the professionals and volunteers who committed themselves to the loving care and healing of the bodily and emotionally wounded from the Vietnam War are special individuals who deserve recognition, and

Whereas, allied personnel who served with dedication, honor, and pride alongside our nation's defenders during the Vietnam War deserve our respect and gratitude, and

Whereas, this expression of respect and gratitude for the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and their families will give hope and assurance to current and future generations of our nation's defenders and their families that our nation will honor and remember their sacrifice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly urges Congress to designate March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the Vermont Congressional Delegation.