

No. R-160. House concurrent resolution saluting the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War and honoring the memory of those who died in this conflict.

(H.C.R.135)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the years of the Vietnam War were especially difficult for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who fought in this conflict, and

Whereas, American soldiers were engaged in consistent combat under extremely trying conditions and faced a problematic transition when they returned home, and

Whereas, according to the National Archives, 58,220 American military personnel died due to their service in Vietnam or are presumed dead, because of combat, illness, or other war-related circumstances, and

Whereas, 7,332 Vermonters served in Vietnam, and of that number, 138 are known or presumed to have perished, and

Whereas, it is especially important to remember those American military personnel, from both Vermont and across the United States, who made the ultimate sacrifice when called to serve their nation in the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the North Vietnamese government freed the American prisoners of war, marking the final departure of American combat troops from Vietnam, and 2019 is the 46th anniversary of this historic event, and

Whereas, on March 28, 2017, the President of the United States signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, which designated March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly salutes the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War and honors the memory of those who died in this conflict, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Miner in Bennington.