

No. R-140. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War.

(H.C.R.116)

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Morgan, M. of Milton, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Powers of Waterford, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilis of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Squirrell of Underhill, Steady of Milton, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Tomlinson of Winooski, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Walker of Swanton, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by Senators Collamore and Ram Hinsdale

Whereas, the U.S. military engagement in Vietnam began in 1950, when, on the advice of his National Security Council, President Truman authorized military aid for French armed forces battling in Indochina, and, in July 1959, two American military advisors were killed in a guerrilla attack, and

Whereas, as the challenges for the South Vietnamese government increased, the American military advisory presence expanded, and

Whereas, in August 1964, while stationed off the Vietnamese coast in the Gulf of Tonkin, the American destroyer USS Maddox sustained damage from North Vietnamese fire, and in response, Congress adopted the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, increasing President Johnson's authority to engage militarily in Vietnam, and

Whereas, in March 1965, the first American combat troops arrived at Da Nang, South Vietnam, and during the following years, American forces fought bravely and at great peril, and according to the 2021 data of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 58,281 U.S. military personnel, including 100 Vermonters, died in combat or noncombat situations during the Vietnam War, while over 300,000 American soldiers were wounded, and

Whereas, although a cease-fire agreement was signed in January 1973 and the last U.S. ground troops withdrew from the country in March 1973, the Vietnam War continued until April 30, 1975, when North Vietnam captured the South Vietnamese capital, then known as Saigon, and the conflict concluded, and

Whereas, Vietnam War veterans served their country heroically and many continue to face physical and mental health challenges due to their military service, and

Whereas, today, April 30, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion Department of Vermont, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Vermont.