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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2023 AS VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S MONTH
9 IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 VETERAN'S MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

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16 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of Vietnam from
17 1955 to 1975 and involved regular forces from the Democratic Republic of
18 Vietnam and Viet Cong guerrilla forces in armed conflict with the United
19 States Armed Forces, the armed forces of allies of the United States, and the
20 armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam; and

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22 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces became involved in Vietnam
23 because the United States Government wanted to provide direct military to the
24 government of the Republic of Vietnam to defend against the growing threat of
25 communism from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; and

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27 WHEREAS, citizens of Arkansas answered their country's call as they
28 have in every conflict; and

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30 WHEREAS, some Arkansans served in or off the coast of the Republic of
31 Vietnam, others served in critical roles such as training and logistics; and

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33 WHEREAS, more than fifty-eight thousand (58,000) members of the United
34 States Armed Forces lost their lives in the Vietnam War including five
35 hundred ninety-two (592) Arkansans; and



1 WHEREAS, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the
2 District of Columbia to commemorate the members of the United States Armed
3 Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the
6 people of the United States and a conflict that caused a generation of
7 veterans to wait too long for the public of the United States to acknowledge
8 and honor the efforts and services of those veterans; and
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10 WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely
11 and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were often
12 wrongly criticized for the decisions of policymakers that were beyond the
13 control of those members; and
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15 WHEREAS, designating March 2023, as "Vietnam Era Veterans Month in
16 Arkansas" is an appropriate way to honor the members of the United States
17 Armed Forces who served in Vietnam; and
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19 WHEREAS, it is important to express our appreciation for the veterans
20 of the Vietnam War, to demonstrate the resolve that the people of the United
21 States shall never forget the sacrifices and service of a generation of
22 veterans who served in the Vietnam War, and to promote awareness of the
23 faithful service and contributions of the veterans of the Vietnam War era,
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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 THAT the House of Representatives proclaim March 2023 as Vietnam Era
30 Veteran's Month in Arkansas in recognition of the sacrifices and
31 contributions made by our Vietnam War veterans.
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