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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the servicemembers of the United  
3 States and of the Republic of Vietnam on the occasion  
4 of the 50th anniversary of the departure of United  
5 States combat troops from Vietnam.  
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7 WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces and the  
8 Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam fought in and sacrificed  
9 during the Vietnam War in support of South Vietnam against North  
10 Vietnam, and

11 WHEREAS, these servicemembers fought bravely together in  
12 the Vietnam War, and

13 WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the United States suffered  
14 more than 58,000 fatal casualties, and nearly 1,600  
15 servicemembers are still listed as Missing In Action, and

16 WHEREAS, an estimated 1,950 servicemembers from Florida  
17 gave their lives in the Vietnam War, and

18 WHEREAS, over 500,000 Vietnam War veterans reside in  
19 Florida, making it the second largest population of Vietnam War  
20 veterans in the nation, and

21 WHEREAS, Florida has over 64,000 residents of Vietnamese  
22 descent, and

23 WHEREAS, Vietnamese-American communities have dedicated  
24 Vietnam War memorials in the United States to the brave  
25 servicemembers who fought and died in the war, and

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26 WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Operation  
27 Homecoming, which repatriated 591 American Prisoners of War from  
28 North Vietnam following the Paris Peace Accords, and

29 WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the United States Military  
30 Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and the last  
31 United States combat troops departed Vietnam, and

32 WHEREAS, according to the United States of America Vietnam  
33 War Commemoration organization, there will 50 events around the  
34 state commemorating the end of the Vietnam War and honoring  
35 veterans of that war in March 2023, and

36 WHEREAS, the Governor has recognized March 29, 2023, as  
37 Vietnam War Veterans Day in Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
40 Florida:

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42 That the House of Representatives recognizes and honors all  
43 the servicemembers of the United States and of the Republic of  
44 Vietnam who fought and sacrificed during the Vietnam War on the  
45 occasion of the 50th anniversary of the departure of United  
46 States combat troops from Vietnam.