

Senate Resolution 96

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Tolleson of the 20th, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending all Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their families and recognizing
2 the week of May 6-12, 2015 as the 40th anniversary observance of the ending of the Vietnam
3 War; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
5 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
6 freedoms cherished by all United States citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in southeast Asia from August 5, 1964 to May 7,
8 1975, and the United States also held an advisory role from July 1, 1958 to August 4, 1964,
9 in an effort to bring an end to the Cold War; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve
11 this country during times of war and peace in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy,
12 Air Force, Coast Guard, Army Reserves, and National Guard; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 228,000 men and women from Georgia served during the Vietnam
14 War; 1,584 Georgians were killed in action; 8,534 were wounded in action; 21 were held as
15 prisoners of war; 30 are still missing in action; and 20 Georgians' remains have been
16 repatriated; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia dedicated its three figure statue on November 11, 1988, which honors
18 its Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans; and on October 30, 1997, the Georgia Vietnam
19 Wall was dedicated, which lists the 1,584 Georgians who died in that war; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgians understand that freedom is not free and that all generations have
21 offered their youth to serve in harm's way, thus embracing John 15:13; and

22 WHEREAS, all of Georgia's Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their families are
23 to be highly commended for their service, sacrifice, and devotion to duty during a most
24 trying time in America's history; and

25 WHEREAS, the Walk of Heroes and Veterans War Memorial will host a statewide 40th
26 anniversary observance of the ending of the Vietnam War from May 6 to 12, 2015, at the
27 Walk of Heroes Memorial located in Black Shoals Park in Conyers, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of this generation of America's warriors stand as
29 a shining tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting
30 and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished
31 Americans and Georgians be recognized appropriately; and

32 WHEREAS, this generation of warriors did not lose in Vietnam, they simply were not
33 allowed to win, and the citizens of this state heartily applaud their just and honorable duty
34 and extend to them our most profound and sincere appreciation for all members of the United
35 States armed services who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice at the altar of
36 freedom.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 commend and honor all Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their efficient, effective,
39 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of Georgia, America, Southeast Asia,
40 and the world and recognize May 6-12, 2015, as the 40th anniversary of the ending of the
41 Vietnam War to further honor this courageous generation and their families.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the
44 public and the press.