

## **House Resolution No. 6018**

By Representatives Mah, Alford, Arpke, Ballard, Billinger, Boman, Bowers, Brookens, Burgess, Burroughs, Calloway, Carlin, Cassidy, Crum, Davis, Denning, Dillmore, Donohoe, Fawcett, Feuerborn, Finney, Flaharty, Frownfelter, Garber, D. Gatewood, S. Gatewood, Goico, Gonzalez, Goodman, Gordon, Grange, Grant, Gregory, Henderson, Henry, Hineman, Hoffman, M. Holmes, Howell, Johnson, Kelley, Kelly, Kiegerl, Kinzer, Kuether, Landwehr, Lane, Loganbill, Mah, Mast, McCray-Miller, Meier, Mesa, Mosier, O'Brien, O'Neal, Osterman, Otto, Patton, Pauls, Peterson, Phelps, Rhoades, Ruiz, Scapa, Schroeder, Seiwert, Shultz, Siegfried, Slattry, Smith, Tietze, Trimmer, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Weber, Wetta, Williams, Winn, Wolfe Moore and Worley

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1 A RESOLUTION designating March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam  
2 Veterans Day."  
3 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces began  
4 serving in an advisory role to the Government of the Republic of South  
5 Vietnam in 1961; and  
6 WHEREAS, In 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat units  
7 arrived in Vietnam; and  
8 WHEREAS, By the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States  
9 troops in Vietnam, and by 1969, a peak of approximately 543,000 troops  
10 was reached; and  
11 WHEREAS, On January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed,  
12 which required the release of all United States prisoners of war held in  
13 North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from  
14 South Vietnam; and  
15 WHEREAS, On March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces  
16 completed the withdrawal of combat units and combat support units from  
17 South Vietnam; and  
18 WHEREAS, More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed  
19 Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the  
20 Armed Forces were wounded; and  
21 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among  
22 the people of the United States and was also a conflict that caused a  
23 generation of veterans to wait too long for the United States public to  
24 acknowledge and honor the efforts and services of such veterans; and  
25 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces who served  
26 bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were  
27 often wrongly criticized for the policy decisions made by four presidential  
28 administrations in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, The establishment of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans  
2 Day" would be an appropriate way to honor those members of the United  
3 States Armed Forces who served in South Vietnam and throughout  
4 Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War: Now, therefore,

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
6 That March 30 shall hereby be designated as "Welcome Home Vietnam  
7 Veterans Day" in the state of Kansas in order to honor and recognize the  
8 contributions of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces in  
9 Vietnam during war and during peace; and

10 *Be it further resolved:* That the people of Kansas are encouraged to  
11 observe "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" with appropriate  
12 ceremonies and activities that provide the appreciation Vietnam War  
13 veterans deserve but did not receive upon returning home from the war;  
14 and

15 *Be it further resolved:* That local communities are encouraged to  
16 promote opportunities for such veterans to assist younger veterans  
17 returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in rehabilitation from  
18 wounds, both seen and unseen, and to support the reintegration of younger  
19 veterans into civilian life; and

20 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
21 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to  
22 Representative Mah.  
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