

1 A RESOLUTION observing Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Kentucky
2 and honoring Vietnam veterans for their courage and sacrifice while serving our great
3 nation.

4 WHEREAS, on March 28, 2017, President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War
5 Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, amending Title 4 of the United States Code to
6 encourage flying the American flag on National Vietnam War Veterans Day every year on
7 March 29; and

8 WHEREAS, there are over 125,000 Kentucky Vietnam veterans in the
9 Commonwealth, and they have contributed greatly to business, art, medicine, science,
10 technology, and government service; and

11 WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces,
12 including 1,103 from Kentucky, lost their lives in Vietnam, and more than 300,000
13 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and

14 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the city of
15 Frankfort to honor the 125,000 Kentuckians who served this nation so courageously and
16 unselfishly during the Vietnam era; and

17 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of
18 the United States, and the crossfire of debate about the country's involvement in the war
19 prevented many members of the Armed Forces from receiving the honor and respect they
20 deserve; and

21 WHEREAS, although civil discourse about the political affairs of the United States
22 should be encouraged, it is never too late to say, "I am sorry," and, "thank you," to our
23 Vietnam veterans; and

24 WHEREAS, the recognition of Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day is an
25 appropriate way to express appreciation and honor the members of the United States
26 Armed Forces, as well as the members of service organizations who bravely served the
27 country and their fellow citizens during the Vietnam War; and

1 WHEREAS, this honorable body encourages the people of the Commonwealth to
2 observe this day with ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the numerous
3 contributions of veterans who served in Vietnam and the importance of helping all of
4 America's veterans return home and achieve happy, healthy, and productive lives;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes and honors Vietnam
9 veterans for their bravery and sacrifice while serving our great nation. It is with the
10 greatest respect that this honorable body commemorates March 29 as Welcome Home
11 Vietnam Veterans Day.

12 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
13 honor of all the brave men and women who served our great nation during the Vietnam
14 War.