

No. R-358. House concurrent resolution saluting the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War, honoring the memory of those who died in this conflict, and designating March 29, 2014 as Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.262)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the years of the Vietnam War were especially difficult for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who fought in this conflict, and

Whereas, American soldiers were engaged in consistent combat under extremely trying conditions, and when they returned home faced a problematic transition, and

Whereas, according to the National Archives, 58,300 American military personnel serving in Vietnam died, or are presumed dead, as a result of combat, illness, or other war-related circumstances, and

Whereas, the same National Archives data compilation indicate that of the 7,236 Vermonters who served in Vietnam, 138 perished, or are presumed to have died, while serving, and

Whereas, it is especially important to remember those American military personnel, both from Vermont and across the United States, who made the ultimate sacrifice when called to serve their nation in the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, March 29, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the day that the last American combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and is a fitting occasion to pay tribute to all of the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly salutes the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War, honors the memory of those who died in this conflict, and designates March 29, 2014 as Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Miner of the Vermont Governor's Veterans Advisory Council.