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H.C.R. No. 21

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, More than a quarter-century has passed since the end
2 of American military involvement in Vietnam, and the men and women
3 who served our nation during that era deserve a lasting tribute for
4 their loyalty and patriotic service to their state and nation; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 3,400 Texans died while serving in
6 Vietnam, and countless others, both men and women, demonstrated
7 courage and dignity in that conflict and together with their fallen
8 comrades merit recognition of their contributions and sacrifice in
9 the form of a monument in proximity to the Capitol; and

10 WHEREAS, Under Chapter 443, Government Code, and rules of the
11 State Preservation Board, a portion of the north Capitol grounds is
12 available for new monuments, subject to legislative approval,
13 specified procedural requirements, the provision of funding from
14 private donors, conformity to certain size and design limitations
15 and parameters, and completion on a timely basis; and

16 WHEREAS, Members of the house of representatives and senate
17 find a commemorative structure in honor of Texans who served in
18 Vietnam to be a worthy addition to the Capitol grounds and to the
19 incorporation there of works that will convey to visitors a sense of
20 history and utmost respect for those who have seen combat and
21 otherwise demonstrated patriotic commitment in behalf of others;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
24 1st Called Session, hereby authorize the State Preservation Board,

1 subject to state law and rules of the board, to approve and permit
2 the construction of a monument on the Capitol grounds recognizing
3 Texans who fought or otherwise served, and in many cases gave their
4 lives, in the Vietnam War as part of this nation's armed forces;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
7 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the
8 State Preservation Board.