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H.C.R. No. 43

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was a defining event for an entire
2 generation of Americans, and time has not diminished the importance
3 of honoring the sacrifice and service of the men and women who
4 participated in that conflict and the importance of educating
5 subsequent generations about that sacrifice; and

6 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial serves as a testament
7 to the ultimate sacrifice made by the more than 58,000 men and
8 women, including more than 3,400 Texans, who died or remain missing
9 and an important monument to all who answered the call to serve in
10 the longest war in U.S. history; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2003, Congress authorized the construction of the
12 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center to allow the memorial
13 site's more than 4.4 million annual visitors to enhance a profound
14 and patriotic educational experience by focusing on the
15 significance of the memorial in honoring the courage of the men and
16 women who served this country and in healing the deep societal
17 divisions resulting from the Vietnam War; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite Congressional recognition of the need for
19 such a facility, progress on the visitor center has encountered a
20 number of lengthy delays, resulting in no approved site for the
21 center, hampering the ability of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
22 to fulfill its mission to educate people about the service and
23 sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans; and

24 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center

1 Deadline Enforcement Act provides congress an opportunity to honor
2 its commitment to Vietnam Veterans by specifying a location for the
3 center's site and a deadline for approving the location; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
6 3rd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the
7 United States to enact the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center
8 Deadline Enforcement Act; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
10 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
11 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
12 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
13 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
14 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
15 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.