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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Many Americans served courageously in the Vietnam
2 War, the longest conflict in which the United States has ever been
3 engaged; and

4 WHEREAS, Members of the U.S. armed forces were initially sent
5 to South Vietnam in an advisory capacity in 1961; the first American
6 ground combat units arrived there in 1965, and by 1969
7 approximately 543,000 U.S. troops were serving in that country; by
8 the time the war ended in April 1975, more than three million
9 Americans had seen duty in Southeast Asia; and

10 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War claimed the lives of more than
11 58,000 members of the U.S. armed forces, including over 3,400
12 Texans; more than 2,500 American servicemen were taken prisoner,
13 and an estimated 3,000 to 6,000 were counted as missing in action;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Americans owe a lasting debt of gratitude and
16 remembrance to the men and women who served this country in Vietnam,
17 and it is indeed fitting that a special day be set aside to honor
18 those military personnel for their brave and steadfast efforts and
19 immeasurable sacrifice in one of the most difficult wars in this
20 nation's history; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby designate March 29, 2010, as Vietnam Veterans Day in the
23 State of Texas and encourage all citizens of the Lone Star State to
24 join in observing this solemn day of tribute and commemoration.