

1-1 By: Miller (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.C.R. No. 182
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2009;
1-3 May 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; May 21, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Many Americans served courageously in the Vietnam
1-8 War, the longest conflict in which the United States has ever been
1-9 engaged; and

1-10 WHEREAS, Members of the U.S. armed forces were initially sent
1-11 to South Vietnam in an advisory capacity in 1961; the first American
1-12 ground combat units arrived there in 1965, and by 1969
1-13 approximately 543,000 U.S. troops were serving in that country; by
1-14 the time the war ended in April 1975, more than three million
1-15 Americans had seen duty in Southeast Asia; and

1-16 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War claimed the lives of more than
1-17 58,000 members of the U.S. armed forces, including over 3,400
1-18 Texans; more than 2,500 American servicemen were taken prisoner,
1-19 and an estimated 3,000 to 6,000 were counted as missing in action;
1-20 and

1-21 WHEREAS, Americans owe a lasting debt of gratitude and
1-22 remembrance to the men and women who served this country in Vietnam,
1-23 and it is indeed fitting that a special day be set aside to honor
1-24 those military personnel for their brave and steadfast efforts and
1-25 immeasurable sacrifice in one of the most difficult wars in this
1-26 nation's history; now, therefore, be it

1-27 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
1-28 hereby designate March 29, 2010, as Vietnam Veterans Day in the
1-29 State of Texas and encourage all citizens of the Lone Star State to
1-30 join in observing this solemn day of tribute and commemoration.

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