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H.R. No. 1545

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 76 in San Antonio
2 is hosting a ceremony on March 28, 2015, in recognition of Vietnam
3 Veterans Day; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the oldest posts in the Lone Star State, VFW
5 Post No. 76 annually marks this observance, which commemorates the
6 anniversary of the withdrawal of U.S. armed forces from Vietnam on
7 March 29, 1973; and

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

14 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War claimed the lives of more than
15 58,000 members of the U.S. armed forces, including over 3,400
16 Texans; more than 2,500 American servicemen were taken prisoner,
17 and an estimated 3,000 to 6,000 were counted as missing in action;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Americans owe a lasting debt of gratitude and
20 remembrance to the men and women who served this country in Vietnam,
21 and this event pays fitting tribute to those military personnel for
22 their brave and steadfast efforts and immeasurable sacrifice in one
23 of the most difficult wars in this nation's history; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the Vietnam Veterans Day
3 celebration at VFW Post No. 76 in San Antonio and extend to the
4 event's organizers and participants sincere best wishes for a
5 meaningful and memorable observance; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for VFW Post No. 76 as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.