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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, April 30, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the
2 end of the Vietnam War, providing a fitting opportunity to honor the
3 dedicated members of the U.S. military who courageously served
4 their country in the conflict; and

5 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War pitted the communist government of
6 North Vietnam and its Viet Cong supporters in South Vietnam against
7 the South Vietnamese government and its main ally, the United
8 States; America's military involvement in the war officially began
9 in August 1964 when U.S. ships were attacked in international
10 waters in the Gulf of Tonkin near North Vietnam; following that
11 incident, the U.S. increased its military presence in South
12 Vietnam, and its first regular combat units arrived in the country
13 in March 1965; by 1969, more than 500,000 U.S. military personnel
14 were stationed in Vietnam; and

15 WHEREAS, The signing of the Paris Peace Accords in January
16 1973 ended direct U.S. military engagement in Vietnam, and on
17 April 30, 1975, the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to the
18 North Vietnamese Army, effectively bringing the war to a close; the
19 conflict claimed a terrible death toll, and the names of the more
20 than 58,000 U.S. servicemen and women who lost their lives during
21 the war are inscribed on the wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
22 in Washington, D.C.; and

23 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to those
24 who fulfilled the highest ideals of the U.S. armed forces during the

1 Vietnam War, and it is indeed appropriate to reflect on their
2 immeasurable fortitude and valor and on the exceptional sacrifice
3 of all those whose lives were touched by the war; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the
7 Vietnam War.