

Concurrent Resolution Concerning Vietnam War Veterans

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karianne Lisonbee

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This resolution recognizes all veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▸ pays tribute to all military personnel who served during the Vietnam War, regardless of duty location or specific role.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, it was over 50 years ago, on March 29, 1973, that the United States withdrew its last 2,500 troops from the battlefields of Vietnam and, since the end of that war, a generation of Americans has come of age and come to understand its significance and the heroic contributions and sacrifices of those who served;

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was one of our nation's longest wars, with the first American soldiers arriving in the 1950s and the last Americans evacuating from the United States Embassy, with the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975;

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War, like all armed conflicts, inflicted deep wounds upon the American people, especially military service members and the families who supported them through years of uncertainty and sacrifice;

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces, who served with honor during the Vietnam War, were subjected to repeated and undeserved condemnation upon their return home, bearing the brunt of public disapproval for a conflict and political decisions that were ultimately beyond their control;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah recognizes the profound sacrifices made by all who served during the Vietnam War, in combat on the front lines, providing essential support from nearby

32 bases, fulfilling critical duties in locations across the globe, or in military training at any time
33 during the conflict;

34 WHEREAS, each veteran answered the call to serve and contributed in a meaningful way
35 to the war effort; and

36 WHEREAS, like so many others who answered the call to serve throughout the centuries,
37 our Vietnam veterans are inspiring reminders of the patriotism, spirit, and courage of all who
38 serve in our nation's armed forces:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
40 Governor concurring therein, expresses its profound gratitude and pays tribute to all United
41 States military personnel who answered the call to duty with courage and selflessness and
42 served our nation during the Vietnam War, between November 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975,
43 regardless of their location or specific role.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor honor their unwavering
45 commitment to their country and recognizes the enduring debt of gratitude owed to them by
46 the grateful nation and state