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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to establish a national
2 day of recognition for the veterans of the Vietnam War and
3 designating the 50th anniversary of the Battle in the Ia
4 Drang Valley, November 14, 2015, as "Vietnam Veteran
5 Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania.

6 WHEREAS, The Ia Drang Valley was the first major conflict
7 between the United States Armed Forces and the North Vietnamese
8 during the Vietnam War; and

9 WHEREAS, The Battle of the Ia Drang Valley marked the
10 beginning of 10 divisive years of conflict for our nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Two hundred fifty American soldiers lost their lives
12 after four days of intense conflict; and

13 WHEREAS Two hundred forty-two Americans were wounded during

1 the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 2 million men and women served their
3 country during the Vietnam War; and

4 WHEREAS, The men and women who served in Vietnam were the
5 greatest of their generation; and

6 WHEREAS, By the end of the war, 58,000 American soldiers made
7 the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for the freedom of
8 those they had never met; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 303,000 Americans were wounded and 75,000
10 were severely wounded from serving in the Vietnam War; and

11 WHEREAS, Two thousand American servicemen and servicewomen
12 still remain missing in action; and

13 WHEREAS, Thirty-eight states across the United States have
14 marked a day to recognize the bravery and accomplishments of our
15 nation's veterans for their service during the Vietnam War; and

16 WHEREAS, Eighteen of these states have passed resolutions
17 supporting a national day of recognition for veterans of the
18 Vietnam War; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support and urge
20 the Congress of the United States to establish a national day to
21 recognize the veterans of the Vietnam War; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 50th anniversary of the Battle in the Ia Drang Valley, November
24 14, 2015, as "Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania
25 to remember and honor the sacrifice of the brave men and women
26 who served in the Vietnam War.