
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 178 Session of
2017

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SOLOMON, LONGIETTI AND MARSHALL, MARCH 22, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 22, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 30, 2017, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Conflict was fought in Vietnam from 1961
4 to 1975, and it involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in
5 conflict with the United States and South Vietnam; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States became involved in the Vietnam
7 Conflict because policymakers in the United States believed that
8 if South Vietnam fell to a communist government then communism
9 would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces began
11 serving in an advisory role to South Vietnam in 1961; and

12 WHEREAS, As a result of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on
13 August 2 and 4, 1964, the Congress of the United States
14 overwhelmingly passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (Public Law
15 88-408) on August 7, 1964, which effectively handed over war-

1 making powers to President Lyndon B. Johnson until such time as
2 peace and security had returned to Vietnam; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat
4 units arrived in Vietnam; and

5 WHEREAS, By the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States
6 troops in Vietnam and, by 1969, a peak of approximately 543,000
7 troops was reached; and

8 WHEREAS, On January 27, 1973, the Paris Peace Accords were
9 signed, which required the release of all United States
10 prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all
11 United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces
13 completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed
15 Forces lost their lives in Vietnam, and more than 300,000
16 members were wounded; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated
18 in the District of Columbia to commemorate those members of the
19 United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing in
20 action in Vietnam; and

21 WHEREAS, The Vietnam Conflict was an extremely divisive issue
22 among the people of the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces who served
24 bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam
25 Conflict were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of
26 public debate about the involvement of the United States in the
27 Vietnam Conflict; and

28 WHEREAS, The establishment of "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
29 Day" would be an appropriate way to honor those members of the
30 United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during the

1 Vietnam Conflict; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
3 proclaim March 30, 2017, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day"
4 in Pennsylvania.