

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 261 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY GRUCELA, BARBIN, BEYER, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROWN, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, CLYMER, COX, DALLY, DAY, DePASQUALE, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HARKINS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KILLION, KOTIK, KRIEGER, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, McCALL, MELIO, MENSCH, METZGAR, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, MURPHY, MURT, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PEIFER, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ, WATSON, WHEATLEY, READSHAW, MARKOSEK, QUIGLEY, JOHNSON, VEREB, STEVENSON, CUTLER, PYLE AND MICOZZIE, APRIL 27, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 27, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Lehigh Valley Chapter 415 and all other local chapters
2 of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Pennsylvania on the
3 34th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, April 30,
4 2009.

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America is the
6 only national, congressionally chartered Vietnam veterans
7 organization and is exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era
8 veterans and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans of America promotes and supports a
10 full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans and seeks to
11 create a new identity for the current generation of veterans and
12 change public perception of Vietnam veterans; and

1 WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans of America has more than 630 local
2 chapters, 26 of which are in Pennsylvania, as well as a
3 Pennsylvania State Council based in Newtown Square; and

4 WHEREAS, Lehigh Valley Chapter 415 is one of the 26 local
5 chapters in this Commonwealth that aggressively advocates issues
6 that are important to veterans, such as helping them to gain
7 full access to quality health care and helping to identify the
8 full range of disabling injuries and illnesses incurred during
9 military service; and

10 WHEREAS, Lehigh Valley Chapter 415 and all Pennsylvania
11 chapters of Vietnam Veterans of America are dedicated to
12 creating a positive public perception of Vietnam veterans,
13 striving to account for all POW/MIAs and supporting the next
14 generation of America's war veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 30, 1975, the last Americans departed from
16 Saigon, concluding the United States' involvement in Vietnam;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Lehigh
19 Valley Chapter 415 and all Pennsylvania chapters of the Vietnam
20 Veterans of America on the 34th anniversary of the end of the
21 Vietnam War, April 30, 2009.