

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
14 the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, By the end of the war, 58,000 American soldiers made

1 the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for the freedom of
2 those they had never met; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Two thousand American servicemen and servicewomen
6 still remain missing in action; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Eighteen of these states have passed resolutions
11 supporting a national day of recognition for veterans of the
12 Vietnam War; therefore be it

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

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 50th anniversary of the Battle in the Ia Drang Valley, November
18 14, 2015, as "Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania
19 to remember and honor the sacrifice of the brave men and women
20 who served in the Vietnam War.