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8 Hall, Hammon, Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Howard,  
9 Hubbard, Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Laird,  
10 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,  
11 McCampbell, McClammy, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel,  
12 McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore  
13 (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Robinson (O),  
14 Salaam, Sanderford, Scott, Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor,  
15 Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward,  
16 Warren, White, Williams (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS AND ENCOURAGING  
4 ESTABLISHMENT OF A WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION IN 2011.  
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6 WHEREAS, although it has been 37 years since the  
7 Vietnam Veterans served the cause of justice in Southeast  
8 Asia, their commitment and dedication continue to deserve the  
9 highest praise; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2007, the United States Congress, by  
11 separate Senate and House Resolutions, declared that a Welcome  
12 Home Vietnam Veterans Day should be established; and

13 WHEREAS, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day is  
14 observed in many states each year, recognizing the  
15 contributions and honoring the sacrifices of our valiant  
16 veterans;

17 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from  
18 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in  
19 conflict with the United States and South Vietnam; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1965, there were 80,000 United States  
21 troops in Vietnam, and by 1969, a peak of approximately  
22 543,000 troops was reached; and

23 WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris  
24 was signed, which required the release of all United States

1 prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of  
2 all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

3 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973, the United States Armed  
4 Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, more than 58,000 members of the United  
7 States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than  
8 300,000 were wounded; and

9 WHEREAS, some 1,200 members from Alabama were  
10 mortally wounded while countless others were injured; for each  
11 of those 1,200 members, there are family members and friends  
12 around the state and the nation whose suffering knows no  
13 bounds; and

14 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Alabama owe  
15 never-ending gratitude to our soldiers in Vietnam who  
16 courageously defended American freedoms against ruthless  
17 enemies, yet no amount of gratitude can adequately compensate  
18 these patriots for their pain, suffering, and disruption to  
19 their lives; and

20 WHEREAS, we welcome the Vietnam Veterans to our  
21 communities as people who love this county and who have put  
22 their lives at stake for freedom and democracy for all, and  
23 their service should never be forgotten; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That our Vietnam Veterans are most

1 highly honored for their patriotism, commitment, and exemplary  
2 service, and we encourage plans to establish and celebrate  
3 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in the State of Alabama in  
4 2011 as a sign of gratitude to Vietnam Veterans and to mark  
5 their coming home.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 14-APR-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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