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3 By Senators Waggoner and Brooks  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR18,

5 DESIGNATING MARCH 30 AS "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM  
6 VETERANS DAY" IN ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, on February 16, 2011, the U.S. Senate  
9 adopted a measure expressing support for declaring March 30,  
10 2012, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" agreeing  
11 unanimously to SR55; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew  
13 from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris; 38 years  
14 later, on March 30, the Senate encouraged Americans across the  
15 country to recognize Vietnam veterans for their sacrifice and  
16 demonstrate a warm welcome to these soldiers who initially  
17 returned from war to a politically divided country; and

18 WHEREAS, the Senate has agreed to set aside a day to  
19 give our Vietnam veterans a long-overdue welcome home, and  
20 Alabamians are strongly encouraged to annually observe this  
21 day with activities and events that honor these veterans for  
22 their service; and

23 WHEREAS, it is time Vietnam veterans receive the  
24 recognition they have earned and deserve; this day also  
25 provides our state and nation with an important teaching

1 moment: Never again will our men and women serving in the  
2 Armed Forces fail to receive the continuing recognition of a  
3 grateful nation for their dedicated service; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the brave  
6 service nearly four decades ago of our troops and servicemen  
7 and women in the Vietnam War, we hereby designate March 30,  
8 2012, and March 30 each year thereafter, as "Welcome Home  
9 Vietnam Veterans Day" in Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Waggoner