

1 SJR18  
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3 By Senators Waggoner and Brooks  
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8 DESIGNATING MARCH 30 AS "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM  
9 VETERANS DAY" IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, on February 16, 2011, the U.S. Senate  
12 adopted a measure expressing support for declaring March 30,  
13 2012, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" agreeing  
14 unanimously to SR55; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, it is time Vietnam veterans receive the  
27 recognition they have earned and deserve; this day also

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

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