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3 By Representatives Moore (B), Baker, Shiver, Ingram, Howard,  
4 Buskey, Bracy, Boothe, Lee, Greer and Chesteen  
5 RFD: Rules  
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8 OBSERVING "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY" ON  
9 MARCH 30, 2016, AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF  
10 UNITED STATES TROOPS FROM VIETNAM ON MARCH 30, 1973.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting to recognize  
13 those courageous individuals who selflessly served and  
14 willingly made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of  
15 freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War on the occasion  
16 of "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" on March 30, 2016, and  
17 the anniversary of the withdrawal of United States Troops from  
18 Vietnam on March 30, 1973; and

19 WHEREAS, while providing valorous and honorable  
20 service, Vietnam veterans incurred not only scars from  
21 physical wounds, but emotional scars as well; Vietnam troops  
22 received a callous greeting from the fellow citizens they  
23 served upon returning to home soil and dealt with a  
24 deep-seated pain rooted in the horrors of combat in solitude;  
25 for many years, they were not granted the care they so  
26 desperately needed and richly deserved; and

1                   WHEREAS, over 58,000 members of the United States  
2                   Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam, and there were 1,  
3                   208 Alabama casualties; and

4                   WHEREAS, seven million one hundred three thousand  
5                   Vietnam Era veterans were recorded still living as of  
6                   September 30, 2015, and it is has been predicted by the  
7                   Veterans Administration that this number will drop to  
8                   6,953,000 by September 3, 2016; and

9                   WHEREAS, we the people of Alabama are greatly  
10                  indebted to these true American heroes, and it is a tremendous  
11                  privilege and honor to recognize Vietnam veterans and their  
12                  families on the occasion of "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans  
13                  Day" and on the anniversary of the withdrawal of United States  
14                  Troops from Vietnam; now therefore,

15                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
16                  THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Vietnam veterans are highly  
17                  honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to them  
18                  in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
19                  best wishes for the future.