

SHORT TITLE: Memorializing the United States Congress to modify the definition of a war veteran; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 14

By: Capps, Kerr and Helton of
the Senate

and

Braddock, Hefner and
McCarter of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to modify the definition of a war veteran and to define a "Vietnam Era Veteran" as any veteran who served in any geographical location in the military between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, wartime service is required to receive certain Veterans Administration benefits and medical care as specified by Section 5313A of the United States Code; and

WHEREAS, a veteran who served in the military between February 28, 1961 and August 5, 1964 and was not in the Republic of Vietnam is not currently considered a "Vietnam Era Veteran"; and

WHEREAS, veterans who did not serve in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and August 5, 1964 are not eligible to receive certain benefits; and

WHEREAS, there were many troops serving in the military in Korea and other countries during the aforementioned time period; and

WHEREAS, a drop of American blood spilled in Korea or any other country is as important as a drop of American blood spilled in the Republic of Vietnam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes Congress to modify the definition of a war veteran, and to define a "Vietnam Era Veteran" as any veteran who served in the military between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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