



1 troops in the conflict in Southeast Asia. The psychological issues  
2 faced by many Vietnam vets can be traced not simply to what they  
3 experienced in Vietnam but to their experience on their return home;  
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5 WHEREAS, Americans are belatedly embracing Vietnam veterans  
6 having come to the realization that those who served were just as  
7 brave and honorable as their fathers and uncles who fought in  
8 previous conflicts like World War II and Korea; and

9 WHEREAS, March 29 has been designated as "Welcome Home Vietnam  
10 Veterans Day" by Congress in recognition of the day when the last  
11 soldiers left Vietnam in 1972; and

12 WHEREAS, there are currently seven million Vietnam veterans  
13 living across the country and 52,000 reside in Oklahoma.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
15 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes March 29, 2013,  
18 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Oklahoma.

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends and thanks Vietnam  
20 veterans for their tremendous service and sacrifice.

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages citizens to  
22 participate in "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" celebrations in  
23 their area.

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1            THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,  
2 the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the  
4 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs and the Military Department.

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