

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1018

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing and honoring Vietnam War veterans for their service and sacrifice; joining a nationwide celebration of "Vietnam War Veterans Day"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973, the last American troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, ending American involvement and bringing an end to what at the time was the longest war in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, due to the political climate of the time and the unpopularity of the war many of our returning veterans did not receive the respect and gratitude they deserved. Their only sin was that they served their nation with honor; and

WHEREAS, of the more than 58,000 names listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 988 are from the state of Oklahoma. Today being Vietnam War Veterans Day offers us an opportunity to express our gratitude for the heroic accomplishments of Oklahomans who gave

1 their lives and all those who served with honor and dignity during
2 the Vietnam War; and

3 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes with
4 great pride the sacrifice of Oklahoma's Vietnam Veterans and offers
5 our gratitude for their service to our state and our nation. And it
6 is with deep appreciation that we say to you, "Welcome Home!"

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives joins the rest of our
10 nation in celebrating Monday, March 29, 2021, as Vietnam War
11 Veterans Day.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,
13 the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
14 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate,
15 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs and the Oklahoma
16 Military Department.

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