

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007
(Representatives Bellew, D. Johnson, Klemin, Marschall, Martinson)
(Senators Dever, Paulson, Wobbema)

A concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the United States combat operations and the release of American prisoners of war in Vietnam.

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of United States combat operations and the release of American prisoners of war in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, United States combat operations in Vietnam came to an end on January 27, 1973; and

WHEREAS, of the 3,403,100 Americans who served with honor during the Vietnam War, there were 58,220 casualties, which included 198 North Dakotans who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation; and

WHEREAS, of the 766 prisoners of war, 114 died while captive in Vietnam, and 591 returned home during Operation Homecoming 50 years ago, from February to April of 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War left almost 1,600 Americans unaccounted for, and nine North Dakotans are still listed as missing in action; and

WHEREAS, today there are more than 46,000 veterans living in North Dakota, including approximately 15,000 of our sons and daughters who served during the Vietnam era; and

WHEREAS, these North Dakota veterans heard the call of duty, stepped in, and served relentlessly and nobly in a brutal war; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War seldom received the attention it deserves, and now, half a century later, we honor our Vietnam veterans and offer them the proper respect of a grateful state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the brave men and women who served with dignity and honor during this historic time and during what was, at the time, the longest war in our country's history, let us remember them and thank them for their service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the end of the United States combat operations and the release of American prisoners of war in Vietnam, and further call upon the people of our great state to join in honoring and expressing gratitude to all who valiantly served our nation during the Vietnam War, and to their families and loved ones; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate