

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the United States  
2 combat operations and the release of American prisoners of war in Vietnam.

3 **WHEREAS**, the year 2023 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of United States combat  
4 operations and the release of American prisoners of war in Vietnam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, United States combat operations in Vietnam came to an end on January 27,  
6 1973; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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