

## House Resolution 1553

By: Representatives Nguyen of the 89<sup>th</sup>, McGowan of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 98<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending all Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their families and the  
2 Vietnamese community in this state and recognizing the week of May 6-12, 2018, as the 43rd  
3 anniversary observance of the ending of the Vietnam War; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
5 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
6 freedoms cherished by all United States citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Southeast Asia from August 5, 1964, to  
8 May 7, 1975, and the United States also held an advisory role from July 1, 1958, to  
9 August 4, 1964, in an effort to bring an end to the Cold War; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve  
11 this country during times of war and peace in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy,  
12 Air Force, Coast Guard, Army Reserve, and National Guard; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 228,000 men and women from Georgia served during the Vietnam  
14 War; 1,584 Georgians were killed in action; 8,534 were wounded in action; 21 were held as  
15 prisoners of war; 30 are still missing in action; and 20 Georgians' remains have been  
16 repatriated; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia dedicated its three figure statue on November 11, 1988, which honors  
18 its Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans; and on October 30, 1997, the Georgia Vietnam  
19 Wall was dedicated, which lists the 1,584 Georgians who died in that war; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgians understand that freedom is not free and that all generations have  
21 offered their youth to serve in harm's way, thus embracing John 15:13; and

22 WHEREAS, all of Georgia's Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their families are  
23 to be highly commended for their service, sacrifice, and devotion to duty during a most  
24 trying time in America's history; and

25 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is also proud of the vibrant and active Vietnamese  
26 community that has flourished in the state in part as a result of the service of these veterans  
27 and the success of that community; and

28 WHEREAS, many in the Vietnamese community endured much hardship as a result of the  
29 Vietnam War and sacrificed much to come to our state; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia expresses its sincere appreciation for these individuals and  
31 the contributions that they have made to the state; and

32 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of this generation stand as a shining tribute to the  
33 strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the  
34 outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Americans and  
35 Georgians be recognized appropriately.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend and honor all Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans  
38 and their efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of  
39 Georgia, America, Southeast Asia, and the world and recognize May 6-12, 2018, as the 43rd  
40 anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War to further honor this courageous generation  
41 of veterans and their families.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
44 members of the public and the press.