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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2023 AS VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S MONTH
IN ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of Vietnam from 1955 to 1975 and involved regular forces from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and Viet Cong guerrilla forces in armed conflict with the United States Armed Forces, the armed forces of allies of the United States, and the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces became involved in Vietnam because the United States Government wanted to provide direct military to the government of the Republic of Vietnam to defend against the growing threat of communism from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Arkansas answered their country's call as they have in every conflict; and

WHEREAS, some Arkansans served in or off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam, others served in critical roles such as training and logistics; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty-eight thousand (58,000) members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in the Vietnam War including five hundred ninety-two (592) Arkansans; and



WHEREAS, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate the members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and a conflict that caused a generation of veterans to wait too long for the public of the United States to acknowledge and honor the efforts and services of those veterans; and

WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were often wrongly criticized for the decisions of policymakers that were beyond the control of those members; and

WHEREAS, designating March 2023, as "Vietnam Era Veterans Month in Arkansas" is an appropriate way to honor the members of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, it is important to express our appreciation for the veterans of the Vietnam War, to demonstrate the resolve that the people of the United States shall never forget the sacrifices and service of a generation of veterans who served in the Vietnam War, and to promote awareness of the faithful service and contributions of the veterans of the Vietnam War era,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives proclaim March 2023 as Vietnam Era Veteran's Month in Arkansas in recognition of the sacrifices and contributions made by our Vietnam War veterans.