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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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 guerilla 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 support 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 armed conflict in which the United States has been a participant; and

WHEREAS, some Arkansans served in or off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam, while 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 Washington, D.C., to commemorate the members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing in action in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Vietnam Veterans Memorial is inscribed with the names of Arkansans who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, and the memorial was dedicated on the grounds of the State Capitol in Little Rock on March 7, 1987, by retired United States Army General William Westmoreland; 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 have to wait too long for the public of the United States to acknowledge and honor their efforts and services; and

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

WHEREAS, recognizing March 29, 2025, as Vietnam War Veterans Day and March 2025 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 for all Arkansans to express appreciation for the veterans of the Vietnam War, to demonstrate a resolve that the people of the State of Arkansas 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-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize March 29, 2025, as Vietnam War Veterans Day and March 2025 as Vietnam Era Veterans Month in Arkansas in appreciation of the sacrifices and contributions made by Vietnam War veterans.

/s/Crawford