

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Reps. Witwer, Manoogian, Puri, Haadsma, Tyrone Carter, Steenland and Peterson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 29, 2021, as Vietnam Veterans
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of
4 Vietnam veterans and their families; and

5 Whereas, The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1955-1975,
6 and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the
7 United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and

8 Whereas, The United States became involved by serving in an
9 advisory role in South Vietnam in 1955; and

10 Whereas, In 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat
11 units arrived in Vietnam. In 1969, troop numbers peaked at
12 approximately 500,000 troops. Michigan residents joined the rest of

1 the nation, serving our country and our state with honor in
2 Vietnam; and

3 Whereas, On January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed
4 which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war
5 held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed
6 Forces from South Vietnam. By March 29, 1973, the United States
7 Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from
8 Vietnam; and

9 Whereas, More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed
10 Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of
11 the Armed Forces were wounded. More than 2,650 Michigan residents
12 lost their lives in the Vietnam War; and

13 Whereas, It was not until 1982 that the Vietnam Veterans
14 Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. to commemorate those
15 members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared
16 missing-in-action in Vietnam; and

17 Whereas, Members of the United States Armed Forces who served
18 bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War
19 were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public
20 debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam
21 War; and

22 Whereas, March 29 marks the anniversary of the day that combat
23 and combat support units withdrew completely from South Vietnam;
24 and

25 Whereas, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives
26 support the establishment of a Vietnam Veterans Day as an
27 appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed
28 Forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War and more than
29 200,000 Vietnam Veterans living in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
2 this legislative body declare March 29, 2021, as Vietnam Veterans
3 Day; and be it further

4 Resolved, That all citizens of the state of Michigan are
5 encouraged to honor our Vietnam veterans.