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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 128]

To designate May 7, 1985, as "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day".

Whereas over three million American fighting men and women who served in the Vietnam theater for over a decade acquitted themselves in the highest traditions of American service personnel; Whereas more than fifty-seven thousand Americans lost their lives there, and an additional two thousand four hundred Americans are still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia;

Whereas thousands of Vietnam veterans still suffer from the effects of the war, including many who are permanently disabled;

Whereas regardless of the ultimate verdict of history about United States involvement in that war, the service that patriotic Americans performed in the Vietnam theater is deserving of continued and reemphasized grateful recognition;

Whereas the Nation is now beginning to review in a more dispassionate and evenhanded manner the history of our involvement in the Vietnam conflict;

Whereas for too long the Nation failed to honor the service of Vietnam veterans and was instead anxious to place the Vietnam experience behind it; and

Whereas May 7, 1985, marks the tenth anniversary of the official end of America's involvement in the conflict in Vietnam: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 7, 1985, is designated "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate activities.*

Approved May 14, 1985.

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