

# House Resolution 115 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

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1 A Resolution to recognize March 30, 2012, as Vietnam  
2 Veterans Day.

3 WHEREAS, the Vietnam Conflict was fought in Vietnam  
4 from 1961 to 1975; and

5 WHEREAS, United States Armed Forces members began  
6 serving in an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in  
7 1961 because it was believed that if South Vietnam fell  
8 to a Communist government then Communism would spread  
9 throughout the rest of Southeast Asia; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1965, United States Armed Forces ground  
11 combat units arrived in Vietnam, and by the end of that  
12 year there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam,  
13 peaking with approximately 543,000 troops in 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris  
15 was signed, requiring the release of all United  
16 States prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the  
17 withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South  
18 Vietnam; and

19 WHEREAS, the withdrawal of United States Armed  
20 Forces from Vietnam was completed on March 30,  
21 1973; and

22 WHEREAS, America's military involvement in Vietnam  
23 became unpopular, so that the men and women who  
24 survived, along with the more than 58,000 brave men and  
25 women who fought and died, were caught in a crossfire  
26 of public debate and denied the proper respect and  
27 gratitude they deserved for serving our country; and

28 WHEREAS, these noble veterans endured harsh

1 conditions and inhumane treatment and should be  
2 remembered for their selfless service, having fulfilled  
3 their duty with the highest degree of valor and giving  
4 of themselves in the name of freedom and for the rights  
5 of all Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, their sacrifice has been integral to  
7 preserving our cherished way of life; and

8 WHEREAS, it is fitting that we extend our admiration  
9 and heartfelt gratitude to those servicemen and  
10 servicewomen who served on the battlefields of Vietnam  
11 and returned safely, to those who returned home scarred  
12 of body and mind, and to those who were killed or are  
13 still missing; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
15 the House of Representative recognizes March 30, 2012,  
16 as Vietnam Veterans Day and urges all Iowans to take  
17 time on that date to honor those members of the United  
18 States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam.