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Joint Resolution

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Authorizing and requesting the President to designate the seven-day period beginning on May 28, 1979, as "Vietnam Veterans Week".

Whereas members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict performed such service under the most trying conditions because of the lack of domestic support for the conflict and because of the nature of the conflict itself;

Whereas the battlefield performance of America's soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen during the Vietnam conflict was by all measures the equal of that of their counterparts in previous conflicts;

Whereas an adverse image has often been unfairly attached to the Vietnam veteran as an individual because of the controversial nature of the Vietnam conflict; and

Whereas the Nation has never fully expressed its gratitude to those who gave a substantial portion of their lives at their Government's request and in the name of the people of the United States to serve in such conflict: Now, therefore, be it

Vietnam Veterans Week. Designation authorization.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested (1) to issue a proclamation designating the seven-day period beginning on May 28, 1979, as "Vietnam Veterans Week" and calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such period with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and (2) to initiate and coordinate appropriate ceremonies and activities within the executive branch for the observance of such period.

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