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Joint Resolution

To designate April 26, 1981, as "National Recognition Day for Veterans of the Vietnam Era".

Apr. 14, 1981
[H.J. Res. 182]

Whereas the valorous service of Vietnam veterans has never been properly commemorated or recognized;
Whereas the conflict in Vietnam claimed more than fifty-five thousand American lives;
Whereas three hundred thousand men were wounded and one hundred and fifty thousand permanently disabled during the conflict in Vietnam;
Whereas there are four hundred and eighty thousand Vietnam veterans between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-nine who are currently unemployed;
Whereas as many as two hundred and eighty thousand Vietnam veterans suffer the intermittent psychological aftereffects of the Vietnam conflict; and
Whereas the more than two million five hundred thousand Americans who answered their country's call to duty and served honorably deserve the Nation's gratitude: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate April 26, 1981, as a "National Day of Recognition for Veterans of the Vietnam Era", and to call upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, including a week of symposia hearings and conferences to be conducted in Washington, District of Columbia, prior to April 26, dedicated to those issues of concern to Vietnam veterans.

National Day of Recognition for Veterans of the Vietnam Era. Designation authorization.

Approved April 14, 1981.

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