

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

Reps. Wortz, Fox, Schmaltz, Bruck, Alexander, Breen,
Glanville, Greene, Lightner, Paiz, Rogers, Weiss, Witwer and Young
offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of
2 the Vietnam War and to declare May 15, 2025, as Vietnam Veterans'
3 Heritage Day in the state of Michigan.

4 Whereas, The Mayaguez Incident, which ended on May 15th, 1975,
5 is often regarded as the last U.S. military action in the Vietnam
6 War, during which some of the final service members whose names are
7 engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., were
8 killed; and

9 Whereas, Over 2.7 million U.S. military personnel served in
10 Vietnam during the war and over 58,000 of them gave their lives for
11 their country; and

1 Whereas, Vietnam veterans were often met with scorn and
2 disrespect upon their return home due to the controversial nature
3 of the war, rather than being honored and celebrated for their
4 sacrifice. Furthermore, many Vietnam veterans have struggled to
5 readjust to civilian life, suffering from a variety of physical and
6 psychological conditions; and

7 Whereas, More Vietnam veterans have died from suicide than
8 died in combat, with recent estimates nearing 100,000; and

9 Whereas, It is our duty as residents of the state of Michigan
10 and citizens of the United States to hold in high regard those who
11 have fought in the armed forces, to honor the sacrifice of those
12 who gave their lives, and to pass along to the next generation an
13 honor for all who have served their country; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
15 this legislative body commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end
16 of the Vietnam War and declare May 15, 2025, as Vietnam Veterans'
17 Heritage Day in the state of Michigan.