



H.Res. 1231 – Supporting the goals and ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day and calling on the American people to recognize such a day

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1231 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Heath Shuler (D-NC) on May 22, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1231 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 24, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1231 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day; and
- Calls on the American people to recognize such a day to remember those men and women who sacrificed their lives defending the Nation in the Vietnam conflict, to recognize the prisoners of war and those members of the Armed Forces who are missing in action, and to honor all Vietnam veterans who served the Nation faithfully to protect its freedom.

BACKGROUND

The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam.

United States Armed Forces ground combat units arrived in Vietnam in 1965. By the end of the year, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969 a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached. On January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam. The U.S. completed withdrawal on March 30, 1973.

More than 58,000 U.S. service members lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 were wounded. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., in 1982 to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam.

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