

## Senate Resolution 44

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Johnson of the 1st, Stephens of the 27th, Hill of the 4th,  
Thomas of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending all Vietnam Era Veterans and their families; to recognize May 4-8, 2005, as  
2 the 30th Observance of the Ending of the Vietnam War; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Southeast Asia from August 5, 1964, until May  
7 7, 1975, and must include the Advisory Role from July 1, 1958, until August 4, 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve  
9 in this country's wars and during peace time in the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast  
10 Guard, Reserves, and National Guard; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia contributed more than 228,000 of its men and women to serve during  
12 the Vietnam War and had 1,584 Georgians killed in action, 8,534 wounded in action, 21 held  
13 as prisoners of war, 35 still unaccounted for, and 15 whose remains have been repatriated;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia dedicated its three figure statue to honor its Vietnam Veterans on  
16 November 11, 1988, followed by the dedication of the Georgia Vietnam Wall on October 30,  
17 1997, listing 1,584 Georgians who died in that war; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgians understand that "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE" and that all generations  
19 have offered their youth to serve "in harm's way," thus embracing John 15:13; and all of this  
20 state's Vietnam Era Veterans and their family members are to be highly commended for their  
21 service, sacrifice, and devotion to duty during a most trying time in America's history; and

1 WHEREAS, the Georgia Veterans Leadership Program, Inc., helped to coordinate the state  
2 memorials located at the Pete Wheeler Georgia War Veterans Memorial Plaza and will host  
3 a May 4-8, 2005, 30th Anniversary Observance of the Ending of the Vietnam War at the  
4 Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of these men and women stand as a shining  
6 tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper  
7 that the outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be  
8 recognized appropriately.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend and honor all Vietnam Era Veterans and  
11 their efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of Georgia,  
12 America, Southeast Asia, and the world; go on record as recognizing that this generation of  
13 warriors did not lose in Vietnam, they simply were not allowed to win; heartily applaud their  
14 just and honorable duty; and extend to them their most profound and sincere appreciation for  
15 all members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice  
16 upon the altar of freedom.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the period of May 4-8, 2005, is recognized as the 30th  
18 Observance of the Ending of the Vietnam War to further honor this courageous generation  
19 and their families.