

House Resolution 385

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Rogers of the 10th, and Anderson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending all Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their families and recognizing
2 the week of May 6-12, 2015, as the 40th anniversary observance of the ending of the
3 Vietnam War; and for other purposes.

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

7 WHEREAS, the Vietnam War was fought in Southeast Asia from August 5, 1964, to May
8 7, 1975, and the United States also held an advisory role from July 1, 1958, to August 4,
9 1964, in an effort to bring an end to the Cold War; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia has always provided its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve
11 this country during times of war and peace in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy,
12 Air Force, Coast Guard, Army Reserves, and National Guard; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 228,000 men and women from Georgia served during the Vietnam
14 War; 1,584 Georgians were killed in action; 8,534 were wounded in action; 21 were held as
15 prisoners of war; 30 are still missing in action; and 20 Georgians' remains have been
16 repatriated; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia dedicated its three figure statue on November 11, 1988, which honors
18 its Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans; and on October 30, 1997, the Georgia Vietnam
19 Wall was dedicated, which lists the 1,584 Georgians who died in that war; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgians understand that freedom is not free and that all generations have
21 offered their youth to serve in harm's way, thus embracing John 15:13; and

22 WHEREAS, all of Georgia's Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their families are
23 to be highly commended for their service, sacrifice, and devotion to duty during a most
24 trying time in America's history; and

25 WHEREAS, the Walk of Heroes and Veterans War Memorial will host a statewide 40th
26 anniversary observance of the ending of the Vietnam War from May 6-12, 2015, at the Walk
27 of Heroes Memorial located in Black Shoals Park in Conyers, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of this generation of America's warriors stand as
29 a shining tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting
30 and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished
31 Americans and Georgians be recognized appropriately; and

32 WHEREAS, this generation of warriors did not lose in Vietnam but simply were not allowed
33 to win, and the citizens of this state heartily applaud their just and honorable duty and extend
34 to them our most profound and sincere appreciation for all members of the United States
35 armed services who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice at the altar of freedom.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend and honor all Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans
38 and their efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of
39 Georgia, America, Southeast Asia, and the world and recognize May 6-12, 2015, as the 40th
40 anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War to further honor this courageous generation
41 of veterans and their families.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
44 members of the public and the press.