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3 By Representatives Bridges and Sanderford
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8 DESIGNATING MARCH 30, 2011, AS "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM
9 VETERANS DAY" IN ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, on February 16, 2011, the U.S. Senate
12 adopted a measure expressing support for declaring March 30,
13 2011, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" agreeing
14 unanimously to SR55; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew
16 from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris; 38 years
17 later, on March 30, the Senate has encouraged Americans across
18 the country to recognize Vietnam veterans for their sacrifice
19 and demonstrate a warm welcome to these soldiers who initially
20 returned from war to a politically divided country; and

21 WHEREAS, the Senate has agreed to set aside a day to
22 give our Vietnam veterans a long-overdue welcome home, and
23 Alabamians are strongly encouraged to observe this day with
24 activities and events that honor these veterans for their
25 service; and

26 WHEREAS, it is time Vietnam veterans receive the
27 recognition they have earned and deserve; this day also

1 provides our state and nation with an important teaching
2 moment: Never again will our men and women serving in the
3 Armed Forces fail to receive the recognition of a grateful
4 nation for their dedicated service; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the brave
7 service nearly four decades ago of our troops and servicemen
8 and women in the Vietnam War, we hereby designate March 30,
9 2011, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Alabama.