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8 DESIGNATING MARCH 30 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 2012, 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 encouraged Americans across the
18 country to recognize Vietnam veterans for their sacrifice and
19 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 annually observe this
24 day with activities and events that honor these veterans for
25 their service; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the brave service nearly four decades ago of our troops and servicemen and women in the Vietnam War, we hereby designate March 30, 2012, and each March 30 each year thereafter, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Alabama.