

1 HJR67

2 136292-2

3 By Representatives Barton, Gaston and Fincher

4 RFD: Rules

5 First Read: 09-FEB-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 DESIGNATING MARCH 30 AS "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM
4 VETERANS DAY" IN ALABAMA.

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6 WHEREAS, on February 16, 2011, the U.S. Senate
7 adopted a measure expressing support for declaring March 30,
8 2012, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" agreeing
9 unanimously to SR55; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the Senate has agreed to set aside a day to
17 give our Vietnam veterans a long-overdue welcome home, and
18 Alabamians are strongly encouraged to annually observe this
19 day with activities and events that honor these veterans for
20 their service; and

21 WHEREAS, it is time Vietnam veterans receive the
22 recognition they have earned and deserve; this day also
23 provides our state and nation with an important teaching
24 moment: Never again will our men and women serving in the

1 Armed Forces fail to receive the continuing recognition of a
2 grateful nation for their dedicated service; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the brave
5 service nearly four decades ago of our troops and servicemen
6 and women in the Vietnam War, we hereby designate March 30,
7 2012, and each March 30 each year thereafter, as "Welcome Home
8 Vietnam Veterans Day" in Alabama.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 14-FEB-12.

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11 Greg Pappas
12 Clerk
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16 Senate

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Adopted