

By: Representative Zuber

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MISSISSIPPI VIETNAM VETERANS  
2 MEMORIAL IN OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, UPON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
3 AND EXTENDING OUR HEARTFELT TRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS, OUR HEROES,  
4 WHOM THIS MEMORIAL HONORS AND REMEMBERS.

5 WHEREAS, on May 31, 1997, the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans  
6 Memorial in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, was dedicated, a memorial  
7 made possible through the generous efforts of a multitude of  
8 individual forces armed with a collective vision to pay tribute to  
9 those who served and those who died during a most difficult time  
10 in our nation's history; and

11 WHEREAS, there is no other memorial like it in all of the  
12 United States, nor will you find it replicated anywhere in the  
13 world; and it is more than a memorial, it is a healing, teaching,  
14 living legacy where families and Vietnam veterans come to heal,  
15 where children stand and seek understanding, and where the lessons  
16 of the past are always before us; and

17 WHEREAS, the memorial serves to express the enduring  
18 gratitude of the people of the great State of Mississippi to all  
19 who took part in that noble conflict under the flag of the United



20 States to those who survived, no less than those who paid the  
21 supreme sacrifice; and

22 WHEREAS, the genesis of a Mississippi Vietnam Veterans  
23 Memorial began in August 1985 when a group of Vietnamese  
24 Americans, who wanted to find an appropriate way to show their  
25 appreciation to Mississippians who served in that noble struggle  
26 to keep Vietnam a free country, presented the idea to Mr. Roy  
27 Martin and to the staff of the Biloxi Vets Center; and

28 WHEREAS, though initially slated to be located in Biloxi, the  
29 memorial was relocated to Ocean Springs, and a groundbreaking  
30 ceremony was conducted and celebrated on May 29, 1995, with more  
31 than a thousand individuals attending this memorable occasion; and  
32 more than eight years after its conception, on December 5, 1996,  
33 actual construction of the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
34 began; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
36 recognize milestone anniversaries of such important events as the  
37 dedication of the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
40 recognize the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial upon its 25th  
41 anniversary, and extend our tribute to the veterans, our heroes,  
42 whom this memorial honors and remembers.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to the Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee  
45 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

