

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

Senators Daley, Cherry, Damoose and Webber offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of  
2 the Vietnam War.

3           Whereas, Fifty years ago after the fall of Saigon, President  
4 Gerald Ford declared May 7, 1975, as the official end of the  
5 Vietnam War; and

6           Whereas, We honor all who served on active duty in the United  
7 States Armed Forces at any time during the period of February 1,  
8 1961 - May 7, 1975, regardless of duty location; and

9           Whereas, More than 58,000 Americans, including 2,666  
10 Michiganders- one who was in the last group of 41 service members  
11 killed in May 1975- gave their lives for freedom's sake. Their  
12 names are forever etched in black granite on the Vietnam Veterans  
13 Memorial wall in Washington D.C.; and

1           Whereas, Our nation is resolute to bring home the 1,549  
2 missing in action, including 48 Michiganders; and

3           Whereas, Upon the conclusion of their service, Vietnam  
4 veterans returned home to a country deeply divided over the war,  
5 where they were not met with gratitude and pride, but with protests  
6 and disrespect; and

7           Whereas, Nothing that we say or do can repay our Vietnam  
8 veterans for the wounds they endured, or the pain and sacrifice  
9 they continue to live with because of their service; and

10           Whereas, Today, Vietnam veterans are leaders in all walks of  
11 life and serve to make America a better place to live; and

12           Whereas, As residents of the great state of Michigan, we must  
13 never forget the sacrifice of the men and women who fought in the  
14 name of freedom and democracy for all; now, therefore, be it

15           Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
16 body commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam  
17 War.