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Recognizing the service of Vietnam war veterans and calling on the federal government to establish programs benefiting those veterans.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS veterans of the Vietnam war served our country with honor and distinction in the face of extraordinary circumstances including a lack of popular support from the United States civilian population; and

WHEREAS the United States government has not provided benefits, allowances, and remuneration commensurate with those provided veterans of other conflicts to veterans of the Vietnam war;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States government to reinstate all benefits and allowances in force during the Vietnam war for all Vietnam war veterans regardless of time elapsed since separation from active duty; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States government is urged to reactivate discharge review boards and publicize their existence, and make all efforts to provide case by case corrective measures for other than honorably discharged Vietnam veterans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States government is urged to establish a Vietnam war veterans' bonus program awarding those veterans a one-time cash bonus; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature deplores and decries the most recent actions of the federal administration to cut or eliminate major programs that provide services to the Vietnam veteran, and urges immediate action to rescind those cuts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature endorses state participation in programs which will emphasize or supplement federal assistance programs for Vietnam war veterans.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.