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Commending Vietnam War veterans for their efforts in the rural areas of the state and admonishing the U.S. News & World Report Magazine for inaccurately representing the circumstances of Vietnam veterans living in those rural areas.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS many Vietnam-era veterans reside in the rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS these veterans are making a positive and productive contribution to the economic and social life of the state; and

WHEREAS some Vietnam-era veterans living on the Kenai Peninsula were recently approached by staff from the U.S. News & World Report Magazine because the magazine wished to do a story that the veterans were led to believe would be an accurate and positive portrayal of their lives in the state; and

WHEREAS the magazine article, published March 12, 1984, contains many inaccuracies and wrongfully portrays Vietnam-era veterans living in rural areas of the state as poorly adjusted isolationists living under primitive conditions; and

WHEREAS in reality the Vietnam-era veterans in rural areas of the state are leading commendable lives similar to those led by other rural residents of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that Vietnam-era veterans living in rural areas of the state are commended for their positive and productive contributions to the state and the U.S. News & World Report Magazine is censured for its sensationalist and highly inaccurate article on the lives of those veterans.

A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the publishers and editors of the U.S. News & World Report Magazine with a request that the magazine print the resolution in response to the

March 12, 1984, article on Alaskan Vietnam-era veterans.