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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 63**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Mansoor and Solorio**

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**(Coauthor: Senator Correa)**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 63, as amended, Mansoor. Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day.

This measure would recognize June 19, 2011, as Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day, in memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom and democracy and the victims of the Vietnam War, and in honor of the survivors, activists, and freedom fighters of that war.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, From 1961 to 1975, the Vietnam War brought  
2 about the loss of approximately 250,000 members of the armed  
3 forces of the Republic of Vietnam and 58,000 members of the  
4 United States Armed Forces for the cause of freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 300,000 members of the United States  
6 Armed Forces and more than 1,000,000 members of the armed  
7 forces of the Republic of Vietnam were injured; and

8 WHEREAS, After the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, more  
9 than 250,000 members of the armed forces of the Republic of  
10 Vietnam were sent to reeducation camps; many spent up to 17  
11 years in captivity and more than 20,000 died before they were  
12 released; and

13 WHEREAS, Thousands of veterans of the Republic of Vietnam  
14 now reside in the United States and participate in activities  
15 sponsored by American veterans, including Memorial Day, and  
16 today there are an estimated 100,000 veterans from the Republic  
17 of Vietnam living in California; and

18 WHEREAS, All veterans who risked their lives fighting for  
19 freedom should be honored for their distinguished service in the  
20 Vietnam War and for the contributions they provide to the United  
21 States as American citizens, and it is the intent of the State of  
22 California to honor the sacrifices, commitment, dedication, and  
23 courage of everyone who fought for the freedom of the Republic  
24 of Vietnam; and

25 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the importance  
26 behind the principles of individual freedom in a just society  
27 promoting human rights and dignity and joins with the veterans  
28 of the Republic of Vietnam in the effort to designate June 19 as a  
29 day of remembrance for Americans and Vietnamese who fought  
30 side by side for the ideals and values of democracy; now, therefore,  
31 be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes June 19, 2011,  
34 as Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day, in  
35 memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom and  
36 democracy and the victims of the Vietnam War, and in honor of  
37 the survivors, activists, and freedom fighters of that war; and be  
38 it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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