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Representative Beck

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To honor and commemorate veterans of the Vietnam War 1
who served during the Mayaguez incident and the 2
subsequent battle on Koh Tang Island that 3
commenced on May 12, 1975. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, United States Armed Forces served in Vietnam for a 5
period of twenty years; and 6

WHEREAS, Over 8,744,000 members served in the United States 7
Armed Forces during the Vietnam War era; and 8

WHEREAS, Over 58,000 United States service members, and over 9
3,000 Ohio service members, perished in the Vietnam War; and 10

WHEREAS, Over 300,000 United States service members were 11
wounded in the Vietnam War; and 12

WHEREAS, Efforts to recover those missing in action continue; 13
and 14

WHEREAS, Although the last American combat soldiers left 15
South Vietnam in March 1973, military advisors and Marines 16
remained to protect U.S. installations; and 17

WHEREAS, On May 12, 1975, less than two weeks after the Fall 18
of Saigon, the Khmer Rouge seized the Mayaguez, an American 19

container ship; and 20

WHEREAS, United States Armed Forces commenced a rescue 21
mission; and 22

WHEREAS, The mission to liberate the Mayaguez, and the 23
subsequent battle on Koh Tang Island, is considered the last 24
combat mission in the Vietnam War; now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 26
of the State of Ohio, honor and commemorate veterans of the 27
Vietnam War who served during the Mayaguez incident and the 28
subsequent battle on Koh Tang Island; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 31
President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States 32
Department of Defense, the members of the Ohio Congressional 33
delegation, the Governor of Ohio, and the news media of Ohio. 34