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Barnes, Reece, Landis, Anielski, Barborak, Bishoff, Dovilla, Retherford,
Young**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Fortieth Anniversary of Operation 1
Homecoming. 2

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

WHEREAS, The members of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio 3
are pleased to recognize the Fortieth Anniversary of Operation 4
Homecoming; and 5

WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, American prisoners of war 6
were afflicted by poor living conditions, torture and abuse, a 7
lack of food and medical treatment, and attempts at 8
indoctrination. When the Paris Peace Accords were signed in 1973, 9
provisions were included for exchanging prisoners of war, and 10
between February 12 and April 4 of that year, 591 Americans were 11
returned from North Vietnam, as well as several from South 12
Vietnam, Laos, and China, aboard C-141A Starlifters and other 13
aircraft. Known as Operation Homecoming, these flights to freedom 14

took the ex-POWs to Clark Air Base in the Philippines for medical 15
exams, good meals, and fresh uniforms before they were transported 16
home to the United States; and 17

WHEREAS, On the Fortieth Anniversary of Operation 18
Homecoming, we recognize those brave individuals who have answered 19
this nation's call to arms and have made great sacrifices in 20
service to the United States of America. This solemn occasion is, 21
indeed, an appropriate time to pay tribute to all Vietnam War 22
veterans, including some 1,800 who are still listed as missing in 23
action, for they combined courage and dedication with tremendous 24
strength and resolve during their loyal service on behalf of our 25
country, earning the respect and gratitude of Americans 26
everywhere; and 27

WHEREAS, The heroic traditions of our armed forces are an 28
important part of our nation's heritage. U.S. veterans have 29
provided a valuable service to our country and have established a 30
record of achievement that will long stand as a hallmark worthy of 31
emulation. They have certainly distinguished themselves as 32
patriotic and hard-working Americans, and they are truly deserving 33
of high praise; therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 35
of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commemorate the Fortieth 36
Anniversary of Operation Homecoming and, in so doing, honor our 37
brave citizens who served during the Vietnam War; and be it 38
further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 41
media of Ohio. 42