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105TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 207

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 1998

Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. D'AMATO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. KYL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. THURMOND) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 16, 1998

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the year 1998 marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America;

Whereas the history of the Vietnam Veterans of America organization is a story of America's gradual recognition of the tremendous sacrifices of its Vietnam-era veterans and their families;

Whereas the Vietnam Veterans of America is dedicated to serving its membership through advocacy for its membership;

Whereas the Vietnam Veterans of America provides public and member awareness of critical issues affecting Vietnam-era veterans and their families;

Whereas the local grassroots efforts of Vietnam Veterans of America chapters like Chapter One in Rutland, Vermont, which was founded 18 years ago in April 1980, have greatly contributed to the quality of lives of veterans in our Nation's communities;

Whereas the Vietnam Veterans of America promotes its principles through volunteerism, professional advocacy, and claims work; and

Whereas the future of the Vietnam Veterans of America relies not only on its past accomplishments, but on future accomplishments of its membership that will ensure the Vietnam Veterans of America remains a leader among veterans advocacy organizations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates the 20th anniversary of the
3 founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America and
4 commends it for its advancement of veterans rights
5 which set the standard for other veterans organiza-
6 tions around the country;

1 (2) asks all Americans to join in the celebration
2 of the 20th birthday of the Vietnam Veterans of
3 America and 20 years of advocacy for Vietnam vet-
4 erans; and

5 (3) encourages the Vietnam Veterans of Amer-
6 ica to continue into the next millennium to represent
7 and promote the goals of its organization in the vet-
8 erans community and on Capitol Hill, and to con-
9 tinue organizing to keep its national membership of
10 51,000 members and 500 chapters strong.

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