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S. RES. 120

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of Vietnam Veterans of America.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 25, 2003

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of Vietnam Veterans of America.

Whereas the year 2003 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of Vietnam Veterans of America;

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

Whereas Vietnam Veterans of America is dedicated to advocating on behalf of its members;

Whereas Vietnam Veterans of America raises 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, such as Chapter One in Rutland, Vermont, which was founded 23 years ago in April of 1980, have greatly contributed to the quality of the lives of veterans in our Nation's communities;

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

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

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates the 25th anniversary of the
3 founding of Vietnam Veterans of America, and com-
4 mends it for its efforts in the advancement of vet-
5 erans rights, which set the standard for all other
6 veterans organizations around the country;

7 (2) asks all Americans to join in the celebration
8 of the 25th anniversary of Vietnam Veterans of
9 America, and its 25 years of advocacy on behalf of
10 Vietnam veterans; and

11 (3) encourages Vietnam Veterans of America to
12 continue to represent and promote its goals in the
13 veterans' community and on Capitol Hill, and to
14 continue to keep its national membership—con-

- 1 sisting of 45,000 members and 600 chapters—
- 2 strong.

