

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 140817)

## RESOLUTION

Celebrating, honoring, and thanking American veterans of the Vietnam War.

WHEREAS, American veterans of the Vietnam War (1954-1973) served honorably throughout the war, fighting courageously and often making the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The United States holds as its highest ideals freedom, democracy, and self-determination; during the Vietnam War, about 8,744,000 American armed forces fought bravely to preserve and defend these ideals; and

WHEREAS, Armed forces from the United States were sent to the Vietnam War to support the forces of the Republic of South Vietnam and the cause of freedom from communist forces; and

WHEREAS, 47,434 American soldiers were killed in battle, 10,786 were killed in noncombat deaths, more than 150,000 were wounded, and more than 2,000 soldiers are missing in action; and

WHEREAS, American armed forces fought bravely and were known for their dedication, tenacity, and effectiveness on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial, dedicated at Penn's Landing, is a monument to the 646 Philadelphians lost in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is an organization of Vietnam War veterans that demonstrated extraordinary fundraising effort to launch the Memorial in 1987 and that provides general leadership and advocacy in the Philadelphia area; and

WHEREAS, In response to damage caused by vandalism and other sources of deterioration, The Fund commenced the "Duty to Remember Campaign" in order to

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renovate the Memorial with new paving material, refurbishment of names, and enhanced lighting among other updates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby celebrates, honors, and thanks our Vietnam War veterans on Veterans Day 2014.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund symbolically on behalf of all veterans, and evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixteenth day of October, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Oh and Squilla

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Oh, Squilla, Goode, Bass, Jones, Kenney, Greenlee, Neilson, Council President Clarke, Councilmembers Quiñones Sánchez, Blackwell, Reynolds Brown, Henon, O'Neill and O'Brien