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O'MARA, SENATE COLLEAGUES ENACT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS

Senate recognizes March 29th as National Vietnam Veterans' Day

Albany, N.Y., March 29—The New York State Senate today unanimously approved a Legislative Resolution co-sponsored by Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) proclaiming Tuesday, March 29, 2016 as Vietnam Veterans' Day in New York State.

"It's a great privilege and an honor to join my Senate colleagues to remember and to pay this tribute to the service and the sacrifices of Vietnam vets across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, throughout New York State and nationally," said O'Mara.

In its daily legislative session, the Senate approved the Resolution (J4585) calling on Governor Andrew Cuomo to proclaim Tuesday, March 29, 2016 as Vietnam Veterans' Day in New York State.

The Resolution reads, in part, "This Legislative Body pauses further to encourage the people of the State of New York to observe Vietnam Veterans' Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that provide the appreciation Vietnam War veterans deserve but did not receive upon returning home from the war; demonstrate the resolve that never again shall the Nation disregard and denigrate a generation of veterans; to promote awareness of the faithful service and contributions of such veterans during their military service as well as to their communities since returning home; to promote awareness of all the importance of entire communities empowering veterans and the families of veterans to readjust to civilian life after military service; and to promote opportunities for such veterans to assist younger veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in rehabilitation from wounds, both seen and unseen, and to support the reintegration of younger veterans into civilian life."

The full Resolution can be found on O'Mara's Senate website, <http://www.omara.nysenate.gov>.

Ceremonies are being held in Washington, D.C., as well as locally, statewide and nationally marking today as National Vietnam Veterans' Day to coincide with the date of the final withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam in 1973.