

## 2000 SESSION

ENROLLED

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 266

*Memorializing Congress to pass H.R. 3293 and S1921, known as the "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Act of 1999," which authorize the Vietnam War "In Memory" memorial plaque.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2000  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2000

WHEREAS, H.R. 3293 and S1921, known as the "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Act of 1999," are jointly designed to honor those veterans of the Vietnam War who died after their service in Vietnam, but as a direct result of that service; and

WHEREAS, war wounds do not always kill immediately, and frequently such wounds linger on for many years after the fighting is done; and

WHEREAS, those who suffer such wounds, like their brothers and sisters who died on the battlefield, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and deserve to be duly recognized and honored; and

WHEREAS, most veterans who died later as a result of their service in the Vietnam War do not qualify for inclusion on the current Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3293 and S1921 both authorize a separate plaque within the Vietnam Veterans Memorial containing an inscription to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in Vietnam, but as a direct result of that service, and whose names are not otherwise eligible for placement on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall; and

WHEREAS, the memorial plaque would be designed and constructed without the use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, this separate memorial, popularly known as the "In Memory" plaque, has been endorsed by a wide variety of veterans' organizations, including the Vietnam Veterans of America, AMVETS, the American Legion, the Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade, the National Conference of Vietnam Veteran Ministers, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the National Congress of American Indians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby urge the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 3293 and S1921, known as the "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Act of 1999," which authorize the Vietnam War "In Memory" memorial plaque; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

ENROLLED

SJ266ER