

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4673, by Representatives Esser, Van Luven, Jarrett, Lambert, Pflug, Anderson, Mulliken, Cairnes, D. Schmidt and Ruderman

WHEREAS, The courageous American servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives in Vietnam served their country bravely and proudly; and

WHEREAS, More than 58,000 American servicemen and servicewomen lost their lives, including more than 1,100 Washingtonians, and more than 200,000 American servicemen and servicewomen were wounded on the battlefields of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Over 640,000 veterans live in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, In 1982 our nation built a memorial, known as "The Wall," in Washington, D.C., to honor those who died in Vietnam and made the supreme sacrifice fighting for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Many people will never have the opportunity to personally visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS, A 240-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be available for viewing at the Sunset Hills Memorial Park Cemetery in Bellevue, Washington, during the weekend of July 27-29, 2001; and

WHEREAS, This is a time for citizens from around the state to visit this replica to remember, to reflect, and to heal and to ponder the sacrifices made by both those who served and their families, friends, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all the citizens of Washington to recognize the importance of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and to honor the memory of those who freely gave their lives that others may live in liberty.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4673 adopted by the House of Representatives
July 24, 2001.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

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