

Rock Island County Board
PROCLAMATION

Re: Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day - March 30, 2010

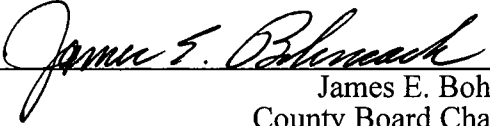
- Whereas, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and
- Whereas, the United States became involved by serving in an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in 1961; and
- Whereas, in 1965, the United States Armed Forces ground combat units arrived in Vietnam and by the end of that year there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam with a peak of approximately 543,000 troops reached in 1969; and
- Whereas, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam. By March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and
- Whereas, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and
- Whereas, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam; and
- Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and
- Whereas, the County of Rock Island supports the US House of Representatives in the establishment of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" as an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War; and
- Whereas, the County of Rock Island agrees that March 30 would be an appropriate day to establish as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" from this day forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James E. Bohnsack, Chairman of the County Board of Rock Island, Illinois; do hereby proclaim March 30, 2010 as

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

in the County of Rock Island, Illinois and encourage our citizens to join communities across America in honoring our Vietnam Veterans.

Done in open meeting this 16th day of February, 2010


James E. Bohnsack
County Board Chairman

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