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NATIONAL DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS
OF THE VIETNAM ERA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

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Veterans Day Ceremony

*October 28, 1974 - Gould told quoted to come for him
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The President signed yesterday S.J. Resolution 182, National Recognition Day for Vietnam Era Veterans.

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Tom Jones
W H Exec. Clerk,
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/10/81 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4/17/81

SUBJECT: National Recognition Day for Veterans of the Vietnam Era

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MEESE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MURPHY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks: A draft proclamation prepared by the Veterans Administration was sent to you for editing, concurrently with review by White House staff offices. The attached mark-up reflects comments received, which you may want to take into account in preparing the final text.

Allen W. Locke for
Richard G. Darman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(x-2702)

NATIONAL RECOGNITION DAY FOR VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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These ~~cold statistics, however,~~ ^{however,} are empty, unless we keep in mind the ~~real flesh-and-blood story~~ ^{individual and personal drama} which accompanies each Vietnam era veteran and casualty. Much has ~~by now~~ been said about the ~~personal~~ sacrifice made by those who served, but full recognition of the Nation's debt of gratitude to them is long overdue.

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 those men and women who did their duty ~~in a noble effort~~ to
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STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 6, 1981 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: APRIL 17, 1981

SUBJECT: National Recognition Day for Veterans of the Vietnam Era

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Remarks:

Because of the short time schedule, I am asking for comments on the VA draft of this proclamation, before the speechwriters have completed their editing.

Please provide views to me and, if appropriate, also to Ken Khachigian, by COB, APRIL 17.

Richard G. Darman
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(x-2702)



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

GENERAL COUNSEL

April 6, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD DARMAN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM M. *Nichols* NICHOLS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL RECOGNITION DAY FOR VETERANS
OF THE VIETNAM ERA

By House Joint Resolution 182, the President is requested to designate Sunday, April 26, 1981, as National Recognition Day for Veterans of the Vietnam Era.

The attached proposed proclamation was drafted at our request by the Veterans Administration and retyped in this office as to format and to reflect minor editorial changes.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure

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