Resolution 39-23
National Vietnam War Veterans Day - March 29, 2023

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed in 2017, designates March 29 of each year as "National Vietnam War Veterans Day"; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we honor and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans and their families, and for the valor of servicepersons killed or missing in action; and

WHEREAS, we remember the long engagement of United States Armed Forces, wartime support organizations and our nation's allies, as well as the contributions made by civilians; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the United States military personnel called to active duty between November 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, whether in-country, in-theater or deployed elsewhere in support of operations in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, more than 9 million Americans were on active duty during that period, with an estimated 2.7 million serving in-country or in-waters; and

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 servicepersons died; and

WHEREAS, their names are etched on the black granite panels of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, a reported 2,500 Americans were held as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, more than 300,000 Americans were wounded; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has indicated that 1,587 Americans are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, commemorative events, including wreath-laying ceremonies and presentation of Department of Defense lapel pins for veterans and surviving spouses, are slated to continue nationwide through Veterans Day 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby declare March 29 as "National Vietnam War Veterans Day," and students, parents, teachers, and community members are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2023, by unanimous vote.

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BOARD SECRETARY   BOARD PRESIDENT