

Senate Resolution No. 1061

**BY:** Senator MURPHY

**RECOGNIZING** March 29, 2017, as Vietnam Veterans Day

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging days of observance of significant historic events; and

**WHEREAS,** March 29, 2017, has been declared Vietnam Veterans Day; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States carried out its first combat mission against the Viet Cong on January 12, 1962; in Operation Chopper, United States Army pilots lifted more than 1,000 South Vietnam service members over jungle and underbrush to capture a National Liberation Front stronghold near Saigon; and

**WHEREAS,** The last American troops left Vietnam on March 29, 1973; and

**WHEREAS,** During the 11 year war, Americans from different backgrounds, races, and creeds banded together to fight against the Viet Cong; and

**WHEREAS,** More than three million Americans served their country, and more than 58,000 sacrificed their lives; the names of those lost are forever engraved in the black granite Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS,** The Vietnam War era was a tumultuous time in America; when our brave service members returned home, often with physical and emotional scars, the voices of those who opposed the war sadly overcame those who supported our troops; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York wishes to show its Vietnam veterans the respect and appreciation they deserve, but did not always get when they returned home; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize March 29, 2017, as Vietnam Veterans Day, and to thank our brave Vietnam veterans for their honorable service to their country; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vietnam veteran organizations.