

Senate Resolution No. 3873

BY: Senator MURPHY

RECOGNIZING March 30, 2018, as Welcome Home
Vietnam Veterans Day

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in commemorating days of recognition for significant historical events; and

WHEREAS, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day will be commemorated on March 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, From 1961 until 1975, in the Republic of South Vietnam, North Vietnamese regular forces and Viet Cong guerilla forces waged an armed conflict with United States Armed Forces and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to the government of the Republic of South Vietnam in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Following the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on August 2nd and 4th of 1965, the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution authorized the President of the United States to pursue war against North Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, American ground combat units arrived in Vietnam in 1965; by 1969, there were approximately 543,000 troops; and

WHEREAS, The Treaty of Paris was signed on January 27, 1973, requiring the release of all American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; withdrawal was completed on March 30, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Due to the controversy of the war and division in our country, Vietnam veterans did not receive the respect they deserved upon returning home; Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day is just one way that a grateful nation is showing its appreciation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize March 30, 2018, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vietnam veterans' organizations.