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### **Rep. Shuler Legislation Honoring Vietnam Veterans Passes House**

*Washington, D.C.* – Thirty-five years after the last American forces left Vietnam, legislation calling on all Americans to recognize a Vietnam Veterans Day passed the House of Representatives yesterday by a unanimous voice vote.

House Resolution 1231, introduced by Representative Heath Shuler, calls on the American people to recognize March 29<sup>th</sup> as Vietnam Veterans Day. The resolution calls on all Americans to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives, remember those who are still missing in action, honor those who were prisoners of war, and acknowledge all members of the Armed Forces throughout the Vietnam War for their service protecting our nation. It also acknowledges that the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of such a day.

March 29<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the date in 1973 when the last remaining American forces officially withdrew from Vietnam.

“I am very proud that my colleagues have joined me in passing this important resolution,” said Rep. Shuler. “While we can never fully repay the debt we owe for their selfless service, the resolution makes it clear that we will never forget the more than 3,000,000 brave young Americans who served our Nation and the 58,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam.”

Rep. Shuler introduced the legislation last month after Derrell Maxwell and the veterans of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 994 in Franklin, North Carolina approached him with the idea of creating a Vietnam Veterans Day.

“I’d like to offer thanks to Mr. Maxwell and the other veterans of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 994 for coming to me with this excellent idea. It was an honor to introduce and help pass this bill honoring them and all those who served during the Vietnam War,” Rep. Shuler concluded.

H.RES.1231 was endorsed by the VFW and the American Legion and had 66 cosponsors in the House, including Rep. Bob Filner, the Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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