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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to commemoration of the 40th
3 anniversary of the end of the United States'
4 involvement in the Vietnam War; creating s. 683.025,
5 F.S.; designating March 30, 2013, as the date for the
6 observance of the 40th anniversary of the end of the
7 United States' involvement in the Vietnam War;
8 specifying purpose of the observance; authorizing the
9 Governor to issue a proclamation; authorizing the
10 Florida Veterans' Foundation to collaborate with
11 Florida's veterans' organizations and their local
12 posts and chapters to administratively promote and
13 support the efforts of counties, municipalities, and
14 veterans' organizations that voluntarily hold special
15 community events commemorating the 40th anniversary of
16 the end of the United States' involvement in the
17 Vietnam War; providing an effective date.

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19 WHEREAS, March 30, 2013, marks the 40th anniversary of the
20 end of United States' involvement in the Vietnam War, and

21 WHEREAS, it is the intent of this act to provide
22 legislative direction and support for recognition of the
23 importance of this event and to ensure the appropriate
24 commemoration of this anniversary and proper demonstration of
25 appreciation for the honorable service and tremendous sacrifice
26 of veterans who served in the United States Armed Services
27 during the Vietnam Era, NOW, THEREFORE,
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29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 31 Section 1. Section 683.025, Florida Statutes, is created
 32 to read:

33 683.025 Commemoration of 40th anniversary of end of United
 34 States' involvement in Vietnam War.-

35 (1) In recognition of the historical significance of the
 36 40th anniversary of the end of United States' involvement in the
 37 Vietnam War, March 30, 2013, shall be observed as the 40th
 38 anniversary of the end of United States' involvement in the
 39 Vietnam War.

40 (2) The Governor may issue a proclamation in honor of the
 41 40th anniversary of the end of United States' involvement in the
 42 Vietnam War. The day shall be suitably observed for the purpose
 43 of providing opportunities throughout the state to demonstrate
 44 and express appreciation for the honorable service and sacrifice
 45 of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during
 46 the Vietnam Era and shall otherwise be suitably observed by such
 47 public exercises in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the
 48 Governor may designate.

49 (3) The Florida Veterans' Foundation created under s.
 50 292.055 may collaborate with Florida's veterans' organizations
 51 and their local posts and chapters to administratively promote
 52 and support the efforts of counties, municipalities, and bona
 53 fide veterans' organizations that voluntarily hold special
 54 community events commemorating the 40th anniversary of the end
 55 of the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War on March
 56 30, 2013, as provided in this section. Such events may include,

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57 | but are not limited to, parades or ceremonies held on or about
58 | that date.

59 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.