June 11, 2008

Honorable Heath Shuler
United States House of Representatives
512 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Shuler:

On behalf of the nearly 3 million wartime veterans of The American Legion, I would like to voice our support for **H. RES. 1231,** Supporting the goals and ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day and calling on the American people to recognize such a day. The Vietnam War was the longest military conflict in United States history with more than 3,000,000 Americans serving in Southeast Asia. More than 58,000 Americans lost their lives defending the Nation's freedom during the Vietnam conflict, with an additional 304,000 Americans wounded.

The American Legion joins you in calling on the American people to recognize a day to remember those men and women who sacrificed their lives defending the Nation in the Vietnam conflict, to recognize the prisoners of war and those members of the Armed Forces who are missing in action, and to honor all Vietnam veterans who served the Nation faithfully to protect its freedom.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue, and look forward to working with you to see this effort realized.

Sincerely,

Steve Robertson, Director
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