



2009 SENATE BILL 76

February 18, 2009 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, HANSEN, COWLES, COGGS, DECKER, S. FITZGERALD, LEHMAN, LAZICH, SCHULTZ, PLALE, WIRCH, TAYLOR and OLSEN, cosponsored by Representatives RADCLIFFE, BARCA, BENEDICT, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BIES, BLACK, BROOKS, CLARK, COLON, CULLEN, DANOU, DAVIS, DEXTER, FIELDS, GARTHWAITE, GRIGSBY, GUNDERSON, HEBL, HILGENBERG, HINTZ, HIXSON, HONADEL, HRAYCHUCK, HUBLER, HUEBSCH, JORGENSEN, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KESSLER, KESTELL, LOTHIAN, MASON, MILROY, MOLEPSKE JR., MONTGOMERY, MURTHA, NELSON, A. OTT, PARISI, PASCH, PETROWSKI, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, PRIDEMORE, RICHARDS, RIPP, ROYS, SCHNEIDER, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN, SHERMAN, SHILLING, SINICKI, SMITH, SOLETSKI, SPANBAUER, STEINBRINK, TAUCHEN, TOLES, TOWNSEND, TURNER, VAN AKKEREN, VRUWINK, M. WILLIAMS, ZEPNICK, ZIEGELBAUER and ZIGMUNT. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions.

1 **AN ACT to create** 14.16 (16) of the statutes; **relating to:** the designation of
2 Vietnam Veterans Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law gives the governor authority to set aside, by proclamation, certain days of the year to remember or honor specific groups or concerns. For example, the governor issues a proclamation for Labor Day, Mother's Day, Wonderful Wisconsin Week, Veteran Recognition Week, POW-MIA Recognition Day, and Purple Heart Day.

This bill designates March 29 as "Vietnam Veterans Day" to recognize the 1,239 Wisconsin armed forces members who are listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. The bill requires the governor to issue a proclamation for the observation of that day, asking the public to recall the Vietnam veterans' accomplishments and to thank those veterans for their service during the Vietnam War.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 14.16 (16) of the statutes is created to read:
4 14.16 (16) VIETNAM VETERANS DAY. To recognize the 1,239 Wisconsin armed
5 forces members who are listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.,

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1 and to express pride and gratitude to the veterans of that war, March 29 is designated
2 as the "Vietnam Veterans Day." The governor shall issue annually a suitable
3 proclamation for the observance of "Vietnam Veterans Day" and request that some
4 portion of the day be used to recall the Vietnam veterans' accomplishments and to
5 thank those veterans for their service during that war.

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