

HOUSE RESOLUTION 225

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A RESOLUTION to honor Barry Rice and the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 240 for their meritorious service to our nation's veterans.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 240 and their president, Barry Rice of Hendersonville, are such estimable persons who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to their founding principle, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another," the members of this magnificent organization have dedicated themselves to serving their fellow veterans through a host of outreach programs and community service events; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their commendable efforts to provide the individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our freedoms with all the respect and admiration they deserve, Barry Rice and the members of VVA 240 were recently awarded honorary lifetime membership into the Tennessee National Guard Association; and

WHEREAS, their noble efforts will also be highlighted on March 24, 2012, during a welcome home event for those valiant warriors who have recently returned from the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9851 of the great City of Hendersonville, the event will provide counselors from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to guide our servicemen and servicewomen through their benefits information,

assist veterans in filing new benefit claims, and aid the returning heroes in finding employment opportunities with local businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the members of VVA Chapter 240 have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to their community, and they epitomize the ideal of consummate professionals, dedicated public servants, and reliable friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the members of VVA Chapter 240 are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend President Barry Rice and the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 240 for their meritorious service to our nation's veterans, thank them for their unselfish devotion to their brothers and sisters-in-arms, and extend to them our deepest appreciation for the sacrifices they made in service to this country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.