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Remembrance
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LAWS OF: 1991

CHAPTER: 100

Bill No: A3327

Sponsor(s): Scerni

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Committee: Assembly: State Government

Senate: State Government

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Senate: March 25, 1991

Date of Approval: April 16, 1991

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[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 23, 1990

By Assemblymen SCERNI, COHEN, McGreevey, Arnone,
Otlowski, Jacobson, Villapiano and Marsella

1 AN ACT designating ¹[May 7, 1990 and]¹ May 7th of each year
2 ¹[thereafter]¹ as "Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day" in
3 the State of New Jersey and providing for a proclamation
4 therefor by the Governor.

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6 WHEREAS, Over 300,000 residents of the State of New Jersey
7 saw duty during the Vietnam conflict; and

8 WHEREAS, Of this number, 1,473 died and 62 are still listed as
9 missing in action; and

10 WHEREAS, This State's veterans of the conflict have not
11 received the recognition that they deserve for the hardships
12 that they endured or for the courage they displayed; and

13 WHEREAS, It is proper that all the citizens of this State
14 recognize and pay tribute to the heroism shown and the
15 sacrifices made by the men and women of New Jersey who
16 served in Vietnam; and

17 WHEREAS, May 7th marks the anniversary of the day that the
18 Vietnam conflict officially ended; and

19 WHEREAS, It is fitting that this day be set aside this year and
20 each year as a time to honor those veterans who served in
21 Vietnam with valor and to remember the heroic men and
22 women from New Jersey who lost their lives in the service of
23 their country; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
26 *State of New Jersey:*

27 1. ¹[May 7, 1990 and]¹ May 7th of each year ¹[hereafter]¹
28 shall be designated as "Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day" in
29 the State of New Jersey to honor those veterans who served in
30 Vietnam with valor and to remember the heroic men and women
31 from this State who lost their lives in the service of their country.

32 2. The Governor shall ¹[issue a proclamation designating
33 May 7, 1990, and]¹ annually ¹[thereafter]¹ issue a proclamation
34 designating May 7th¹[,]¹ as "Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance
35 Day" and with the Legislature call upon the citizens of this State
36 to recognize this day with appropriate observances.

37 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹ Assembly ASG committee amendments adopted September 17, 1990.

STATE GOVERNMENT

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32 2. The Governor shall issue a proclamation designating May 7,
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34 May 7th, as "Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day" and with
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STATEMENT

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1 State of New Jersey to honor those veterans who served in
2 Vietnam with valor and to remember the heroic men and women
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5 The bill also provides that the Governor shall issue a
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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3327

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 1990

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3327.

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The bill provides that the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation designating May 7th as "Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day" and, with the Legislature, shall call upon the citizens of the State to recognize this day with appropriate observances.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended this bill to delete references to May 7, 1990.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3327

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 11, 1991

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VIETNAM VETS TO BE HONORED IN SPECIAL LIBERTY PARK CEREMONY

Plans for a special ceremony marking "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day" at Liberty State Park were announced today by Governor Jim Florio, who also signed legislation setting aside May 7 as an annual commemoration.

"I'm proud that New Jersey isn't forgetting those who didn't get a proper and decent welcome home: our Vietnam Veterans. This is a proud day for all of us here. A proud day for all Americans. It's a time when we can finally say that Vietnam Veterans are getting the recognition and respect they deserve," said Governor Florio. "On May 7, we will host a special ceremony at Liberty State Park and bells will be rung in cities and towns all across our state in honor of the brave men and women who served in Vietnam. It's going to be an important day."

The bill, S 2603/A3327, sponsored by Senator Edward O'Connor, and Assemblymen Fred Scerni and Neil Cohen, designates May 7 annually as "Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day." This year, a commemorative ceremony will be held at 2 p.m., in Liberty State Park. The ceremony is expected to feature music, entertainment, speakers and exhibits. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission, which is responsible for planning and constructing the state's Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, will help coordinate the Liberty State Park event, as well as other events, to help raise the \$5 million needed to fund the memorial project.

The Commission has already chosen Telegraph Hill at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel as the site of the memorial. The memorial will be an open-air circular pavilion consisting of 366 black granite panels -- one for each day of the year. The names of those listed as killed in action or missing in action for each day will appear on the correlating panel.

"This year, we in America proved that we learned our lesson from Vietnam. The people who went to fight in the Persian Gulf got our support and that made their job easier," Governor Florio said. "We've pledged ourselves to making New Jersey a place worthy of those returning heroes. Let's also make it a place worthy of the unsung heroes who returned before them."

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