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**GOVERNOR DAUGAARD PROCLAIMS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS  
DAY**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – At the request of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed Thursday, March 30, 2017, as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day,” calling on all South Dakotans to recognize the courage, service and sacrifice of the men and women who served during the Vietnam War.

“Through the establishment of an annual statewide Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans recognition day, South Dakotans can express their appreciation and honor the men and women who served during the Vietnam War,” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

“In 2006, South Dakota unveiled our memorial honoring these heroes. This combat weary soldier is a tribute to the men and women who served their country at a time when it took as much courage to come home as it did to fight,” said Zimmerman.

“It is important that we pause, remember and recognize the bravery of all who served and to do all that we can to help heal the wounds of war,” said Zimmerman. “Although their service can never be repaid, America must never forget their service.”

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