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Vietnam Veteran's Day

On Vietnam Veteran's Day, March 29th, we stop to remember the sacrifice of many Americans who answered our nation's call to duty. The Vietnam War is the longest military conflict in United States History. Of the American men and women who served in the Vietnam War, over 500,000 were Texans. It was on March 29th, 1973, that the last remaining members of the United States armed forces withdrew from Vietnam.

"Being a Vietnam Veteran, I have heard it said about Vietnam that some gave all, but all gave some and I believe this to be true of all veterans of our armed forces," Representative Smith said. "It is my hope that on this monumental day those Texans that made such a huge sacrifice to serve their country be honored and remembered. I will be remembering my fellow soldiers with whom I served in Vietnam. I ask you to pause and remember all of those who served including those who did not come home and those who came home disabled. Service to our country is the greatest sacrifice a citizen can make, and our veterans deserve our highest respect and gratitude. Without their service our country would have not survived as the greatest country in the world," Smith said.

All veterans, whether living or deceased, deserve recognition for their selfless dedication to their country. In 2005, the Texas Legislature approved the placement of a monument honoring Texan Vietnam Veterans on the Capitol grounds. The Texas Capitol Vietnam monument will forever serve as a reminder of the supreme sacrifices made by so many Texans who served in this war.

"I took personal pride in the passing of this legislation" Representative Smith said. "It has been over 30 years since the Vietnam War and it is time to recognize and remember those who gave so much for their country and their great state."

Receiving no state funding, the monument will be made possible by private donations of Texans who want to express their appreciation. If you would like to donate today in order to be a part of this effort to honor these extraordinary Texans please visit www.buildthemonument.com or call 512-236-1001 for more information.

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Representative Wayne Smith represents Baytown, Deer Park, La Porte, Morgan's Point and portions of Pasadena and the unincorporated areas of Harris County. Rep. Smith is on the County Affairs Committee and also serves on the Transportation Committee. You may call his office toll free at (866)-423-5987.