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Sen. Wagoner, Rep. Murray Introduce Bill for “Vietnam Veterans’ Day” in Ohio
March 29th each year would be designated to honor those who served

COLUMBUS — State Senator Mark Wagoner (R-Toledo) and State Representative Dennis Murray (D-Sandusky) today introduced legislation to designate March 29th of each year “Vietnam Veterans’ Day” in Ohio. The day will honor those who fought, died or are still unaccounted for in the Vietnam War.

“Senator Wagoner and I are again seeking our fellow legislators’ support for a bill that will provide long-overdue recognition for a group of veterans who were too often overlooked when they returned home,” said Rep. Murray. “Today we better appreciate that we can and must honor our warriors even when we disagree with the war, a distinction that was harder to make 38 years ago when then last soldiers left Vietnam.”

Twenty-nine other states have already designated this same day as “Vietnam Veterans’ Day”.

“It’s long past time that we honor the tremendous sacrifices our Vietnam Veterans made for our country,” said Sen. Wagoner. “I look forward to working with my friend and colleague, Representative Dennis Murray, to pass this bill through the Ohio General Assembly.”

Rep. Murray and Sen. Wagoner are introducing identical bills in the Ohio House and Senate.

“Having March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day would be an appropriate way to deeply honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served, especially for those who lost their lives and are unaccounted for, POWs and MIAs,” said Jim Rosin, a concerned U.S. Navy Vietnam combat veteran from Sandusky.

The Vietnam Veterans of America and several other Vietnam Veteran organizations have strongly urged support of this legislation.

The bills will next be referred to the appropriate committees in the Ohio House and Senate for hearings and considerations.