



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 29, 2014 AS
"BELATED WELCOME HOME TEXAS VIETNAM VETERANS DAY"**

WHEREAS, an estimated one-half million Texans, including over 3,400 who perished, demonstrated courage and dignity while serving in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, 105 Texas men who answered the nation's call remain Missing In Action; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our veterans contributions and sacrifice for their country a monument near the Texas Capitol was authorized by House Concurrent Resolution 36 during the 79th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the monument in honor of Vietnam Veterans was built without the use of tax dollars, and donations to help build the monument have been matched dollar-for-dollar by the Texas Historical Commission to a maximum \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the monument dedication is scheduled to take place on the grounds of the Texas Capitol on March 29th between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, on a day that Legislators have named "Texas Vietnam Veterans Day", and

WHEREAS, the 14 foot-high bronze sculpture of an infantry patrol, surrounded by depictions of all those who supported the core fighting force, will stand on a granite pedestal that matches the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, this monument will forever be a place where visitors can reflect on and honor every Texan who fought for and served the country with honor and courage during America's war in Vietnam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Commissioners Court of Hays County, Texas, does hereby proclaim March 29, 2014, as

"Belated Welcome Home Texas Vietnam Veterans Day"

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Commissioners Court of Hays County, Texas, does hereby call upon the people of Hays County to join us in honoring and remembering our soldiers so their memory does not die.

ADOPTED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014

Bert Cobb
Hays County Judge

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe, Precinct 1

Mark Jones, Precinct 2

Will Conley, Precinct 3

Ray Whisenant, Precinct 4

Attest:

Liz Gonzalez, County Clerk

