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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to commemoration of the 40th
3 anniversary of the end of the United States'
4 involvement in the Vietnam War; creating s. 683.025,
5 F.S.; designating March 30, 2013, as the date for the
6 observance of the 40th anniversary of the end of the
7 United States' involvement in the Vietnam War;
8 specifying purpose of the observance; allowing the
9 Florida Veterans' Foundation to collaborate with
10 Florida's veterans' organizations and their local
11 posts and chapters to administratively promote and
12 support the efforts of counties, municipalities, and
13 veterans' organizations that voluntarily hold special
14 community events commemorating the 40th anniversary of
15 the end of the United States' involvement in the
16 Vietnam War; providing an effective date.

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18 WHEREAS, March 30, 2013, marks the 40th anniversary of the
19 end of United States' involvement in the Vietnam War, and

20 WHEREAS, it is the intent of this act to provide
21 legislative direction and support for recognition of the
22 importance of this event and to ensure the appropriate
23 commemoration of this anniversary and proper demonstration of
24 appreciation for the honorable service and tremendous sacrifice
25 of veterans who served in the United States Armed Services
26 during the Vietnam Era, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 683.025, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

683.025 Commemoration of 40th anniversary of end of United States' involvement in Vietnam War.-

(1) In recognition of the historical significance of the 40th anniversary of the end of United States' involvement in the Vietnam War, March 30, 2013, shall be observed as the 40th anniversary of the end of United States' involvement in the Vietnam War.

(2) The Governor may issue a proclamation in honor of the 40th anniversary of the end of United States' involvement in the Vietnam War. The day shall be suitably observed for the purpose of providing opportunities throughout the state to demonstrate and express appreciation for the honorable service and sacrifice of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam Era and shall otherwise be suitably observed by such public exercises in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor may designate.

(3) The Florida Veterans' Foundation created under s. 292.055 may collaborate with Florida's veterans' organizations and their local posts and chapters to administratively promote and support the efforts of counties, municipalities, and bona fide veterans' organizations that voluntarily hold special community events commemorating the 40th anniversary of the end of the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War on March 30, 2013, as provided in s. 683.025. Such events may include,

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56 | but are not limited to, parades or ceremonies held on or about
57 | that date.

58 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.