

1 **BILL NO. R-20-10-42**

RESOLUTION No. R-

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3 **A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE**
4 **INSTALLATION OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL**
5 **REPLICA BY THE VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL**
6 **SHRINE AND MUSEUM**
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9 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor the courage and sacrifice of
10 Vietnam War Veterans, and
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12 WHEREAS, as of 2008 according to the National Archives, over 58,220 brave
13 service people were identified as having lost their lives in this conflict and are
14 memorialized on the wall, and more than 300,000 were wounded or permanently
15 disabled, and
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17 WHEREAS, of these 58,220 service people, 8 were women, 1,534 were from
18 Indiana; and
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20 WHEREAS, there was reported over 2,500 service people unaccounted for as
21 Missing in Action or as Prisoners of War, and
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23 WHEREAS, Fort Wayne, Allen County, and the Northeast Indiana region hosts
24 several hundred Vietnam veterans and their families living in this portion of our
25 state, and
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27 WHEREAS, a replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial, located in Washington D.C.,
28 will be erected permanently at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and
29 Museum at 2122 O'Day Road, Fort Wayne, and
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31 WHEREAS, this replica of the Vietnam Wall will be constructed at 80% scale of
32 the original wall and stands 8 feet tall and 360 feet long, and
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34 WHEREAS, the Vietnam Wall Memorial will be another outstanding addition to
35 the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne and bring
36 thousands of visitors to this sacred area in our community, and
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38 WHEREAS, the veteran community is beginning a fundraising drive to make
39 improvements to the grounds of the shrine to accommodate the placement of the
40 replica wall and eventually other monuments and tributes to honor all veterans of
41 all wars.
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1 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
2 CITY OF FORT WAYNE INDIANA, that

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4 Section 1. All citizens of Fort Wayne should be aware of this upcoming event,
5 should honor and thank all veterans who served in the armed forces defending
6 the freedoms of all Americans, and should plan to visit the Vietnam Wall after its
7 placement.

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Geoff Paddock, Council Member
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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for City Council
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