

Office of the Mayor  
Tomball, Texas

# Proclamation



- WHEREAS,** Texas men and women demonstrated their patriotic commitment and sacrificed themselves for the preservation of the Republic of South Vietnam; and
- WHEREAS,** over half a million Texans fought and served in the Vietnam War from 1954 until 1975, 12 Texas Vietnam Veterans—9 of whom were killed in battle—received the Medal of Honor, and more than 100 Texans are still Missing in Action; and
- WHEREAS,** those who served in Vietnam had the highest level of education than service members in any previous war, spent the longest period of time in intense combat, were the youngest to have served—with an average age of 19 ½ years, and experienced the highest amputation rate since the Civil War, four hundred percent higher than World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** 3,417 Texans made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and more than 10,000 Texans were wounded; and
- WHEREAS,** during the 79<sup>th</sup> Regular session of the Texas Legislature, House Concurrent Resolution 36, authorizing a monument to be built on the Texas Capitol grounds to honor those Texans who served in the Vietnam War, unanimously passed in both houses; and
- WHEREAS,** Duke Sundt, known as “The Cowboy Artist,” who comes from a military family and brings 30 years’ experience in bronze sculpture, was selected to create the Texas Vietnam War monument; and
- WHEREAS,** Patrick Reilly, with the assistance of Chapter 1919 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is currently exhibiting the Texas Vietnam War bronze maquette throughout the great state of Texas; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council and the citizens of Tomball, Texas recognize and appreciate the service of all military personnel, do hereby salute the efforts being made to facilitate the construction of this monument to honor our veterans, including Tomball’s own Herbert Ray Curtis and Lonnie Gene Martin, who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tomball, on behalf of the Tomball City Council and all citizens hereof, I do hereby proclaim **July 1, 2011**, as:

## “TEXAS VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL DAY”



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

ATTEST:

DATE:

*[Signature]*  
*Devi Spurr*  
*June 22, 2011*