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understanding and he is not being treated as those veterans of wars that were far more successful and more popular with the American public. As we all remember the stories of the returning veterans from World War I, the returning veterans from World War II and the returning veterans from the Korean War, all of those wars were, the first two were certainly successful and the third at least gave the impression of being successful. One of the problems with the Vietnam War is that we were in fact not successful and this plus the great dissension within the United States over the merits of the war, over its wisdom which basically has created a great stigma for those Vietnam Veterans. Senator DeCamp and I are both veterans of the Vietnam conflict. For that reason, we thought it was appropriate to bring forth this resolution. I would like to let Senator DeCamp speak for a moment, that then maybe we could share the closing if that would be all right. Senator DeCamp, would you like to say some things.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Vietnam Veteran is probably the single most unique military animal in the history of this country. He was the only one, the only one, that went to a war in which his own generation at home stayed here and felt probably he was a murderer and he was wrong in going and when he came home, instead of bringing the laurels of victory, he brought the biggest drug problem in the history of this nation. Instead of coming home and having victory, he brought America its first defeat in a war by a supposedly very inferior nation, and at the end of that war in the conclusion, the new President, after we had got our peace with honor, the first act of the new President after campaigning vigorously to take care of the Vietnam Veteran, the first act of the new President was to officially pardon all those who had chosen not to go to the war and the second act of that new President was to cut the veterans benefits for the Vietnam Veteran. The Vietnam Veteran I think has probably been as mistreated as a veteran as any military person in this country's history. The purpose of this resolution and about 49 others being sponsored in state legislatures throughout the United States is to try to feel the wounds, to try to recognize that we, the Vietnam Veterans, weren't murderers necessarily, at least, not intentionally, most of us, but we were people in most cases simply trying to do what we thought our country wanted and that we would like to get over this particular hurdle and see if we couldn't do a little more for the Vietnam Veteran than we have. One of the proud things of the Vietnam War that this country's military always talked about was that the wounded veteran, the one that stepped on the mine or got shot or whatever, had the greatest medical service