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June 6, 2013

Board of Supervisors  
Cochise County  
1415 Melody Lane  
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Reference: Vietnam War; Commemorative Partner

Dear Board of Supervisors,

This year the Arizona legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1014 Vietnam War; Commemorative Partner which thanks and honors veterans of the Vietnam War. It highlights the service of our armed forces and pays tribute to contributions made on the home front as well.

Arizona is one of the first states to pass this resolution; but it is a national effort and we are hopeful all 50 states will be successful in this endeavor.

The legislature is proud to work with the Arizona Department of Veterans Services to plan and carry out at least two events each year during the commemorative period of 2014-2017 that will recognize, thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families.

I have been contacted by several local governments that would like to participate as well. I have enclosed a copy of the Senate Resolution. Please feel free to modify and amend to your county name.

I have contacted the Department of Veteran Services and they informed me that communities who do become partners can apply to the Department for grants to assist in staging their events. The contact person at the Department is David Hampton at 602-234-8413, or dhampton@azdvs.gov. Please feel free to contact him for more information.

I look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for consideration of this noble cause and for all you do for our veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail Griffin".

Gail Griffin  
State Senator  
District 14

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## **SCR 1014**

Introduced by  
Senators Griffin, Burges, McComish; Representatives Fann, Gowan, Stevens:  
Senators Murphy, Shooter, Ward

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING EFFORTS FOR ARIZONA TO BECOME A COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER IN THE  
COMMEMORATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1           Whereas, the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the  
2 United States Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the  
3 fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War and provided that "the Secretary  
4 shall coordinate, support and facilitate other programs and activities of the  
5 federal government, state and local governments, and other persons and  
6 organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War"; and

7           Whereas, the Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal,  
8 state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other  
9 nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and  
10 honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families; and

11           Whereas, Commemorative Partners are encouraged to participate in the  
12 commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and  
13 activities that will recognize the service, valor and sacrifice of Vietnam  
14 veterans and their families; and

15           Whereas, Commemorative Partners will endeavor to plan and carry out at  
16 least two events each year during the commemorative period of 2014-2017 that  
17 will recognize, thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families; and

18           Whereas, it is important for these events to meet at least the first of  
19 the five congressionally mandated objectives of the United States of America  
20 Vietnam War Commemoration:

21           1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel  
22 who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their  
23 service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor  
24 the families of these veterans.

25           2. To highlight the service of the armed forces during the Vietnam War  
26 and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and  
27 nongovernmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the armed  
28 forces.

29           3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the  
30 people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

31           4. To highlight the advances in technology, science and medicine  
32 related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

33           5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of  
34 the United States during the Vietnam War.

35 Therefore

36 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
37 Representatives concurring:

38           That the Members of the Legislature support efforts for Arizona to  
39 become one of the first states to be recognized as a Commemorative Partner in  
40 the commemoration of the Vietnam War and support the efforts of the Arizona  
41 Department of Veterans' Services to plan and carry out at least two events  
42 each year during the commemorative period of 2014-2017 that will recognize,  
43 thank and honor our nations Vietnam veterans and their families.