



## **H.Res. 680 – Condemning the actions of September 7, 2007, resulting in damage to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Res. 680 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Carter (R-TX) on September 25, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs but was never considered.

H.Res. 680 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 23, 2007.

### **SUMMARY**

H.Res. 680 condemns all attacks upon the memory of veterans and their service to the United States, as exemplified by the incident of vandalism of September 7, 2007.

### **BACKGROUND**

In the evening of September 7, 2007, the United States Park Police reported being notified of a light, oily, and unidentified substance that was spilled over portions of some of the names, panels, and paving stones of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. At least 14 of the 140 inscribed panels of the Memorial Wall were damaged.

The National Park Service determined that the damage was the result of an act of vandalism.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial serves as a memorial to the 2,700,000 men and women in the United States Armed Forces who served in the designated war zone during the Vietnam Era.

58,256 men and women died while serving in South East Asia or as a result of their wounds or a service-connected disability.

The Vietnam Wall was dedicated in November of 1982 and was built entirely of private funds and donations.

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