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In cooperation with Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County, the American Legion Post #108, the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County; I strongly add my voice to honor and remember our nation's Vietnam War Veterans, and to recognize National Vietnam Veterans day this 29th Day of March.

Over three million Americans defended freedoms and served their country in the Vietnam War—300,000 of whom were wounded physically and mentally, and 58,300 of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. The Vietnam War, which was the longest war in our nation's history, officially came to an end on March 29, 1973, when the last American troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam. Each day since, an estimated 550 Vietnam War Veterans breathe their last breath, having given their service in times of war and having enriched our society in times of peace.

Today's Vietnam War Veterans are known by their personal strength and leadership, and Archuleta County is blessed to have an estimated 1,300 Vietnam War Veterans in our ranks. Although many of you were not welcomed home from war as you should have been, please know you are highly valued and appreciated members of this community. It is an honor to thank each of you who are joined here today to proudly commemorate the observance of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, which day was designated by The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, signed by President Donald J. Trump.

For the families whose loved ones have passed, our nation's gratitude lives on and my prayers are with you. For each man and woman with us today who served America in the Vietnam War we honor you knowing we can't thank you enough for your service, and we promise you America will never forget your sacrifices past and present.

Sincerely,



Lauren Boebert
Member of Congress