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Resolve, Regarding Memorial Plaques Honoring Vietnam Veterans near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge between Lewiston and Auburn

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston and Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford, Representative: CAREY of Lewiston. 1 Sec. 1. Removal and donation of existing plaques. Resolved: That the 2 Department of Transportation, within existing resources, shall remove plaques bearing 3 the names of Vietnam veterans that were placed in Lewiston and Auburn on the 4 approaches to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge pursuant to Resolve 1973, chapter 5 16 and donate those plaques to the respective cities in which the plaques are located; and 6 be it further

7 Sec. 2. Placement of new plaques. Resolved: That the Department of 8 Transportation, within existing resources, shall procure and install new plaques bearing 9 the names of Vietnam veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice and including space for 10 additional names. The plaques must be similar in size and style to the existing plaques 11 and must be placed in locations similar to the locations of the existing plaques that are 12 determined by the department not to present safety concerns for pedestrians or motorists; 13 and be it further

14 **Sec. 3. Maintenance and upkeep. Resolved:** That the Department of 15 Transportation is not responsible for maintenance and update of the plaques and the cities 16 of Lewiston and Auburn may maintain and update the plaque installed in each city, 17 respectively, pursuant to this resolve.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation, within existing resources, to remove existing plaques honoring Vietnam veterans on the Lewiston and Auburn approaches to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge, donate those plaques to the respective cities where they are currently located and procure and install new plaques that are similar to the existing plaques and have room for additional names. The new plaques may be maintained and updated by the respective cities where the plaques are installed.

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