DRAFT RESOLUTION 17 – 09

SUBJECT: Congressional Recognition of Vietnam-Era Dust Off Crews

SOURCE: DC, FL, LA, NC, VA, OH, MA, TX, TN, MO, NJ, ND, WA

WHEREAS, while it would be impossible to accurately calculate the value of the selfless service provided by our heroic ‘Dust Off’ crews during Vietnam, there is no doubt that they saved countless lives and permanently changed the face of war; and

WHEREAS, thinking about these fearless helicopter crews going out on mission after mission, hour after hour, day after day, in weather of every description while essentially unarmed and taking withering enemy fire in one LZ after another, it’s amazing that any of them actually survived; and

WHEREAS, there is no honor high enough to adequately acknowledge the gallant and noble service these crews provided both to their fellow soldiers and to this country; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS encourages every member of Congress to show some long-overdue recognition for these courageous and daring individuals who put the lives of their fellow soldiers before their own.