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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Vietnamese American Day at the
2 State Capitol on May 17, 2023, provides a welcome opportunity to
3 recognize the wide-ranging contributions that Vietnamese Americans
4 have made to the history and vitality of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The state has a long and storied history of
6 Vietnamese immigration that dates back to the late 1970s and early
7 1980s, when many Vietnamese refugees were resettled in Texas,
8 particularly in Houston and Dallas; today, Texas boasts the second
9 largest Vietnamese American population in the country, with more
10 than 210,000 Vietnamese American residents, and Houston and Dallas
11 are home to thriving Vietnamese American communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have faced many hardships
13 along the way, including language barriers and cultural
14 differences, and despite those challenges, they have built
15 prosperous communities and have become active participants in civic
16 life; through their determination, leadership, and strong
17 entrepreneurial skills, they have made significant contributions
18 to the state's economy in areas such as small business ownership,
19 workforce development, and international trade; Vietnamese
20 Americans have further contributed to their communities by serving
21 as elected officials, law enforcement officers, and military
22 personnel, as well as by supporting education, health care, and
23 social services, and they have demonstrated a strong commitment to
24 uplifting all Texans, particularly those facing adversity;

1 moreover, they have helped enrich the state's cultural diversity
2 through their food, music, art, and language; and

3 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community has contributed
4 immeasurably to the prosperity and vibrancy of the Lone Star State,
5 and they may indeed take pride in their instrumental role in the
6 story of Texas; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
8 hereby recognize May 17, 2023, as Vietnamese American Day at the
9 State Capitol.