

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Houston resident and Vietnam native Toan Nguyen has
2 lived an extraordinary life marked by the tragedy of the Vietnam
3 War, and he is most deserving of special recognition for his
4 valorous service during that war; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Thu Duc Officer Candidate School and
6 the Intermediate Intelligence Program at Cay Mai School, Warrant
7 Officer Nguyen was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division as an
8 intelligence officer from 1966 to 1969; and

9 WHEREAS, Promoted to platoon leader of the 404th Scout
10 Company in 1969, he was later named executive officer; he received a
11 number of medals and commendations from the South Vietnamese Army
12 and was also awarded the Bronze Star from the U.S. Army; and

13 WHEREAS, From 1970 to 1975, Mr. Nguyen served as an
14 intelligence officer with G2/II Division Headquarters in Pleiku
15 Province in the Central Highlands of Vietnam; promoted to the rank
16 of first lieutenant, he went on to earn his captain's bars; and

17 WHEREAS, At the war's conclusion, this dedicated soldier was
18 jailed in two Vietnamese "re-education camps" for more than 10
19 years; he was released from the camp in December 1985 and came to
20 the United States as a political refugee nearly nine years later;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Nguyen's journey to this country has been filled
23 with trials that are unimaginable to most people; his courage and
24 conviction have carried him to freedom, bringing him a better life

1 in the Land of Opportunity; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor Toan Nguyen for his
4 heroic journey and commend him for his service to the United States
5 of America and the people of Vietnam; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Nguyen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 324

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 324 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House