

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The display of the flag of the Socialist Republic of  
2 Vietnam on the central campus of the University of Houston, as well  
3 as on other campuses of higher learning, has caused great distress  
4 to many members of the Vietnamese American community; and

5           WHEREAS, This flag, which features a yellow star on a red  
6 background, was first adopted by the Indochinese Communist Party in  
7 the mid-20th century; it represents a source of anguish to  
8 countless people who fled to the United States as a welcoming haven  
9 of liberty and tolerance; to these esteemed citizens, the display  
10 of this flag is interpreted as a lack of respect for their historic  
11 struggles; and

12           WHEREAS, In contrast, the Freedom and Heritage Flag  
13 symbolizes both the Vietnamese cultural heritage and a deeply  
14 rooted resilience and yearning for democracy; this flag, which  
15 bears three red stripes on a background of golden yellow, was flown  
16 for the first time at a ceremony marking the official recognition by  
17 France of Vietnamese unity and independence; and

18           WHEREAS, The University of Houston and other institutions of  
19 higher learning can express their respect for Vietnamese American  
20 culture and their support for the ideals of liberty and democracy by  
21 replacing the flag of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with the  
22 Freedom and Heritage Flag; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby urge the University of Houston and other institutions of

1 higher education to cease displaying the red flag of the Socialist  
2 Republic of Vietnam and to instead fly the golden yellow Freedom and  
3 Heritage Flag that has been embraced by the Vietnamese American  
4 community; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
6 copy of this resolution to the commissioner of higher education as  
7 an expression of the sentiment of the house of representatives and  
8 senate.

Vo	Hilderbran
Pitts	Dunnam
Taylor	Alonzo
Alvarado	Bohac
Bolton	Brown of Brazos
Button	Chisum
Davis of Dallas	Driver
Dutton	Edwards
Frost	Gallego
Geren	Gonzalez Toureilles
Guillen	Gutierrez
Harper-Brown	Hernandez
Herrero	Hochberg
Hodge	Hopson
Hughes	Hunter
Isett	Jones
Keffer	Kent
Kolkhorst	Laubenberg
Legler	Lewis
Maldonado	Mallory Caraway
Marquez	Martinez
McClendon	Merritt
Miller of Comal	Orr
Ortiz, Jr.	Otto
Paxton	Phillips
Quintanilla	Rios Ybarra
Rose	Sheffield
Shelton	Smith of Harris
Thibaut	Vaught

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 258 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 0 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 258 was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor