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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.