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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 30, 2011, marks the 36th anniversary of the
2 fall of Saigon and the Republic of Vietnam to communist forces,
3 concluding a war that had an immense impact on the people of Vietnam
4 as well as citizens of the United States and the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, That fateful day in 1975 marked the end of a long and
6 bitter war, but it did not diminish the courage of the individuals
7 who fought to defend South Vietnam, including the members of the
8 Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) and the U.S. armed forces; it
9 is estimated that around a quarter of a million ARVN troops were
10 killed during the course of hostilities while more than 58,000 men
11 and women in the U.S. military made the ultimate sacrifice;
12 moreover, millions of other individuals served valiantly in both
13 armies, and their contributions deserve to be recognized and
14 respected; and

15 WHEREAS, Reflections on the Vietnam War offer a sobering
16 reminder that soldiers are not the only ones to suffer and die when
17 armies do battle; a terrible toll was exacted on the civilian
18 population of Vietnam, and our thoughts go out to the families of
19 those millions of victims on this somber anniversary; and

20 WHEREAS, While a great sense of tragedy surrounds the war, it
21 is fitting to remember that many Vietnamese were able to make a new
22 start in the United States after being violently displaced from
23 their homeland by the communist takeover; those individuals
24 overcame great obstacles to successfully adapt to a new country and

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1 created a prosperous future for themselves and their descendants,
2 and the State of Texas has benefited significantly from the
3 contributions of the Vietnamese Americans who have made their homes
4 here; and

5 WHEREAS, Though more than three and a half decades have
6 passed since April 30, 1975, the events that unfolded on that day in
7 Saigon continue to resonate for countless people, and acknowledging
8 the bravery, sacrifice, and fortitude associated with the Vietnam
9 War remains as important today as it has been in years past; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby observe the 36th anniversary of the fall of
13 Saigon and urge the state's citizens to pay tribute to all those
14 whose lives were touched by the Vietnam War.