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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, June 19 is the Armed Forces Day of the former  
2 Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam); and

3 WHEREAS, For two decades, the Republic of Vietnam Armed  
4 Forces fought bravely against the forces of the communist  
5 government of the north, an enemy that utilized the techniques of  
6 terrorism and did not abide by the rules of the Geneva Convention;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Despite the hardships they faced, including  
9 insufficient provisions and corruption among the officer corps, the  
10 soldiers of South Vietnam fought with courage and a strong sense of  
11 honor; they achieved significant gains against the enemy, even as  
12 more than 230,000 soldiers were killed and 300,000 more were  
13 wounded; and

14 WHEREAS, This record of bravery and determination is truly  
15 deserving of recognition, and it is indeed fitting to pause and  
16 reflect on the sacrifices of the Republic of Vietnam's Armed Forces  
17 in their fight for freedom and democracy; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize June 19, 2011, as South Vietnamese  
20 Armed Forces Day, in honor of all those who fought on behalf of the  
21 former Republic of Vietnam.