

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After the Vietnam War ended, a large number of
2 Vietnamese refugees immigrated to the United States, and many moved
3 to the metropolitan areas and coastal regions of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, These first-generation Vietnamese Americans worked
5 hard and flourished in Texas, and now the state is home to the
6 second-largest Vietnamese population in the United States, with
7 more than 210,000 residents, nearly half of those living in the
8 Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown area; and

9 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have fully embraced the
10 freedoms of speech and religion and all of the democratic
11 principles that the United States offers; and

12 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have denied the authority of
13 the Vietnamese Communist Flag and pushed for governments to
14 officially recognize the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag,
15 which symbolizes both the Vietnamese cultural heritage and a deeply
16 rooted resilience and yearning for democracy; and

17 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans strongly support education,
18 and their children are graduating from high schools and higher
19 education institutions at high rates; and

20 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State has benefited enormously from
21 the contributions of its Vietnamese American residents; and

22 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community plays a vital role
23 in the business, professional, and cultural life not only of the
24 Lone Star State but also of the country; the number of small

1 businesses owned by Vietnamese Americans has grown substantially,
2 and these firms have created more than 166,000 jobs nationwide,
3 adding billions of dollars to the economy; in addition, Vietnamese
4 Americans contribute to their communities in a myriad of ways, as
5 teachers, lawyers, writers, actors, doctors, mayors, judges, and
6 public servants; among the many Vietnamese Americans who have led
7 notable careers are astronaut Eugene H. Trinh, former Dallas Cowboy
8 Dat Nguyen, and scientist Nguyet Anh Duong, who developed the
9 thermobaric weapon, which has been vital to U.S. military efforts;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, For many decades, people of Vietnamese descent have
12 excelled in our society and economy, enriched our cultural
13 tapestry, and helped enhance and secure the Lone Star State's
14 reputation as a land of promise and possibility; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize April 17, 2013, as Vietnamese American
18 Day at the State Capitol and extend to each visitor here for the
19 occasion best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable day in Austin.

Vo	Button
Wu	Farias
Harper-Brown	Allen
Alonzo	Anchia
Ashby	Aycock
Bell	Bonnen of Galveston
Burkett	Burnam
Carter	Clardy
Collier	Cortez
Creighton	Dale
J. Davis of Harris	Deshotel
Dutton	Farney
Fletcher	Flynn
Frank	Frullo
Goldman	Gonzales

M. Gonzalez of El Paso	N. Gonzalez of El Paso
Gooden	Guerra
Howard	Isaac
Johnson	Kacal
King of Hemphill	King of Taylor
King of Zavala	Kleinschmidt
Kuempel	Larson
Lewis	Longoria
Lozano	Menendez
Miles	Miller of Fort Bend
Moody	Morrison
Munoz, Jr.	Murphy
Nevarez	Orr
Otto	Patrick
Perez	Phillips
Pickett	Raney
Riddle	Rodriguez of Travis
Rodriguez of Bexar	Rose
Sheffield of Coryell	Sheffield of Bell
Simmons	Simpson
Smithee	Stephenson
Stickland	Strama
Thompson of Brazoria	Thompson of Harris
Turner of Tarrant	Villalba
Walle	White
Zedler	Zerwas

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1400 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House