

By: Vo

H.R. No. 1400

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-Sugarland-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.