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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The display of the flag of the Socialist Republic of
2 Vietnam on government property across Texas has caused great
3 distress to many members of the Vietnamese American community; and

4 WHEREAS, This flag, which features a yellow star on a red
5 background, was first adopted by the Indochinese Communist Party in
6 the mid-20th century; it represents a source of anguish to
7 countless people who fled to the United States as a welcoming haven
8 of liberty and tolerance; to these esteemed citizens, the display
9 of this flag is interpreted as a lack of respect for their historic
10 struggles; and

11 WHEREAS, In contrast, the Freedom and Heritage Flag
12 symbolizes both the Vietnamese cultural heritage and a deeply
13 rooted resilience and yearning for democracy; this flag, which
14 bears three red stripes on a background of golden yellow, was flown
15 for the first time at a ceremony marking the official recognition by
16 France of Vietnamese unity and independence; and

17 WHEREAS, City, county, and state governments and other
18 entities, such as airports and colleges and universities, can
19 express their respect for Vietnamese American culture and their
20 support for the ideals of liberty and democracy by replacing the
21 flag of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with the Freedom and
22 Heritage Flag; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby urge city, county, and state governmental entities to cease

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1 displaying the flag of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and to
2 instead fly the Freedom and Heritage Flag that has been embraced by
3 the Vietnamese American community.