

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, When the Vietnam War ended with the fall of Saigon in  
2 1975, a large number of Vietnamese refugees, including former  
3 military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked  
4 with the United States during the war, immigrated to surrounding  
5 areas and to America; and

6           WHEREAS, Throughout the late 1970s to the mid-1980s,  
7 thousands of Vietnamese risked their lives by fleeing Vietnam  
8 aboard small wooden boats; approximately half of these emigrants  
9 perished at sea, but others reached refugee camps in Thailand,  
10 Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Hong Kong; and

11           WHEREAS, Many Vietnamese who came to the United States chose  
12 to settle in the metropolitan areas and coastal regions of Texas;  
13 these first-generation Vietnamese Americans worked hard and  
14 flourished here, and now the state is home to the second largest  
15 Vietnamese population in the United States, with more than 200,000  
16 residents, nearly half of those living in the  
17 Houston-Sugarland-Baytown area; and

18           WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have fully embraced all of the  
19 democratic principles that the United States offers, including  
20 human rights, religious freedom, freedom of speech, and protection  
21 against threats of aggression; and

22           WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have denied the authority of  
23 the Vietnamese Communist Flag and pushed for governments to  
24 officially recognize the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag,

1 which symbolizes both the Vietnamese cultural heritage and a deeply  
2 rooted resilience and yearning for democracy; and

3 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans strongly support education,  
4 and their children are graduating from high schools and higher  
5 education institutions at high rates; and

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

8 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community plays a vital role  
9 in the business, professional, and cultural life not only of the  
10 Lone Star State but also of the country; the number of small  
11 businesses owned by Vietnamese Americans has grown substantially,  
12 and these firms have created more than 166,000 jobs nationwide,  
13 adding billions of dollars to the economy; in addition, Vietnamese  
14 Americans contribute to their communities in a myriad of ways, as  
15 teachers, lawyers, writers, actors, doctors, mayors, judges, and  
16 public servants; among the many Vietnamese Americans who have led  
17 notable careers are astronaut Eugene H. Trinh, former Dallas Cowboy  
18 Dat Nguyen, and scientist Nguyet Anh Duong, who developed the  
19 thermobaric weapon, which has been vital to U.S. military efforts;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, For many decades, people of Vietnamese descent have  
22 excelled in our society and economy, enriched our cultural  
23 tapestry, and helped enhance and secure the Lone Star State's  
24 reputation as a land of promise and possibility; now, therefore, be  
25 it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
27 Legislature hereby recognize April 8, 2015, as Vietnamese American

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1 Day at the State Capitol and extend to each participant best wishes  
2 for an informative and enjoyable day in Austin.

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Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1560 was adopted by the House on April 8, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House