

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, From the late 1970s to the mid-1980s, thousands of  
7 Vietnamese risked their lives by fleeing Vietnam aboard small  
8 wooden boats; approximately half of these emigrants perished at  
9 sea, but others reached refugee camps in Thailand, Malaysia,  
10 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 almost 400,000  
16 residents, nearly half of whom live in the Houston-Sugar  
17 Land-Baytown area; and

18           WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have fully embraced all of the  
19 democratic principles for which the United States stands, 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 200,000 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 85th Texas  
27 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2017, 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	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1180 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House