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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud Texans of Vietnamese heritage are
2 visiting Austin on April 25, 2019, in celebration of Vietnamese
3 American Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, For close to half a century, the Lone Star State has
5 been home to a growing population of Vietnamese Americans, a vast
6 number of whom settled in coastal and metropolitan areas following
7 the end of the Vietnam War; the state boasts one of the nation's
8 largest Vietnamese American communities, with more than 210,000
9 members, nearly half of whom live in the Greater Houston area;
10 Bellaire Boulevard in the Bayou City is particularly known for its
11 dynamic Vietnamese American business sector, encompassing
12 restaurants, entertainment venues, and medical and legal offices,
13 as well as an array of other establishments; and

14 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have demonstrated strong
15 support for higher education and professional development in fields
16 ranging from medicine and the law to sports, the arts, and public
17 service; among the many prominent members of the community are
18 astronaut Eugene H. Trinh, former Dallas Cowboys player Dat Nguyen,
19 and scientist Nguyet Anh Duong, who developed the thermobaric
20 weapon; and

21 WHEREAS, While embracing the democratic ideals of our nation,
22 including freedom of speech and religion, Vietnamese Americans in
23 Texas have also worked to preserve and share their cultural
24 traditions; students at Rice University founded the Hung Vuong

1 Vietnamese Language and Culture School to teach youngsters about
2 their heritage; moreover, each year the Vietnamese American
3 community in Houston invites the wider community to participate in
4 such Lunar New Year festivities as the Alief International parade
5 and events featuring dragon dances, musical performances, and
6 ethnic foods; and

7 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community has contributed
8 immeasurably to the prosperity and vibrancy of the Lone Star State,
9 and it is truly a pleasure to welcome the visiting delegation and
10 join in celebrating a rich history of achievement that enhances our
11 nation's renown as the land of opportunity; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize April 25, 2019, as Vietnamese American
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those in attendance
15 sincere best wishes for a memorable and productive stay in Austin.