

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Vietnamese American Day at the
2 State Capitol on May 17, 2023, provides a welcome opportunity to
3 recognize the wide-ranging contributions that Vietnamese Americans
4 have made to the history and vitality of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The state has a long and storied history of
6 Vietnamese immigration that dates back to the late 1970s and early
7 1980s, when many Vietnamese refugees were resettled in Texas,
8 particularly in Houston and Dallas, following the fall of Saigon
9 and the end of the Vietnam War; today, Texas boasts the second
10 largest Vietnamese American population in the country, with more
11 than 210,000 Vietnamese American residents, and Houston and Dallas
12 are home to thriving Vietnamese American communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have faced many hardships
14 along the way, including language barriers, discrimination, and
15 cultural differences, and despite those challenges, they have built
16 prosperous communities and have become active participants in civic
17 life; through their determination, leadership, and strong
18 entrepreneurial skills, they have made significant contributions
19 to the state's economy in areas such as small business ownership,
20 workforce development, and international trade; Vietnamese
21 Americans have further contributed to their communities by serving
22 as elected officials, law enforcement officers, and military
23 personnel, as well as by supporting education, health care, and
24 social services, and they have demonstrated a strong commitment to

1 uplifting all Texans, particularly those facing adversity;
2 moreover, they have helped enrich the state's cultural diversity
3 through their food, music, art, and language; and

4 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community has contributed
5 immeasurably to the prosperity and vibrancy of the Lone Star State,
6 and they may indeed take pride in their instrumental role in the
7 story of Texas; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize May 17, 2023, as Vietnamese American
10 Day at the State Capitol.

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H.R. No. 1287

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1287 was adopted by the House on May 6, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House