



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 04-044

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CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN
COMMUNITY OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, The people of the former Republic of Vietnam were valiant in their resistance to the aggression of communist North Vietnam, and thousands of Vietnamese men and women made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Many officers and enlisted personnel of the former Republic of Vietnam, as well as teachers, intellectuals, and artists, were imprisoned as enemies of the state; and

WHEREAS, The current government of Vietnam continues to harass, interrogate, and arrest individuals advocating democracy; and

WHEREAS, The flag of the free Vietnamese people consists of three horizontal stripes of red upon a field of gold, and this flag is an eternal symbol of the hope and love of freedom for all people of Vietnamese

descent, just as the American flag symbolizes these virtues for citizens across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dating back to 1948, the red and gold striped flag has a history in Vietnam and is a broader symbol of resilience, freedom, and democracy for the Vietnamese-American community; and

WHEREAS, This flag remains as a poignant reminder of the threat of communism and the imperative of remaining vigilant in opposition to tyranny of all forms and to actively support human rights; and

WHEREAS, The end of the Vietnam conflict produced an exodus of over two million Vietnamese seeking political asylum in the free world who bravely risked their lives to live under the prosperity of democracy; and

WHEREAS, Many of these refugees settled in Colorado, and thousands of Vietnamese Americans and residents of Vietnamese descent live in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's Vietnamese-American community has a long history of and makes significant contributions to the cultural, religious, and political realms and the business and economic development of Colorado; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

1. That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the contributions of the Vietnamese-American community to the culture, religion, politics, business, and economic development of the state of Colorado; and

2. That we recognize the gold flag with three red stripes as the flag of the Vietnamese-American community of Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the recognized leaders of the Vietnamese-American community in Colorado.

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