

## House Resolution 258

By: Representatives Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Heard of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Chambers of the 81<sup>st</sup>, Coan of the 101<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Vietnamese community in Georgia and recognizing the community's pride  
2 in their "Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the current government of Vietnam is a nondemocratic, one-party system which  
4 does not recognize international law and which arbitrarily infringes upon the basic human  
5 rights and civil liberties of its citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans were forced to flee their homeland in fear of the  
7 communist government's campaign of retribution and persecution after the fall of Saigon in  
8 1975; and

9 WHEREAS, a significant number of the Vietnamese refugees who entered the United States  
10 settled in Georgia, and in the ensuing years, they have proven themselves to be honest,  
11 intelligent, loyal citizens of this state and of the United States, contributing greatly in the  
12 areas of business, commerce, and culture; and

13 WHEREAS, virtually all of our Vietnamese American citizens embrace the "Heritage and  
14 Freedom Flag," which appears as three red stripes on a saffron background, as the symbol  
15 of their community and their cultural identity, representing freedom, democracy, and the  
16 legendary resilience of the Vietnamese people; and

17 WHEREAS, while the government of Vietnam becomes increasingly oppressive, the  
18 Vietnamese American community continues to flourish and to demonstrate the spirit and love  
19 of freedom which that government so cruelly suppresses, and it is only proper that the  
20 tangible symbol of that spirit, the "Heritage and Freedom Flag," be recognized as the official  
21 flag of the Vietnamese American community in this state.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend the Vietnamese community in Georgia

1 for their many triumphs and successes in the years following the collapse of their government  
2 in 1975 and recognize the community's pride in their "Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom  
3 Flag."

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.