

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to HR 258:

#### 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, Vietnamese Americans were forced to flee their homeland in fear of the  
4 communist government's campaign of retribution and persecution after the fall of Saigon in  
5 1975; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American community continues to flourish and to demonstrate  
15 the spirit and love of freedom which America embraces, and it is only proper that the  
16 tangible symbol of that spirit, the "Heritage and Freedom Flag," be recognized as the official  
17 flag of the Vietnamese American community in Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend the Vietnamese community in Georgia  
20 for their many triumphs and successes in the years following the collapse of their government  
21 in 1975 and recognize the community's pride in their "Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom  
22 Flag."

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