

Senate Resolution 308

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Rogers of the 21st, Staton of the 18th, Wiles of the 37th and Chapman of the 3rd

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 SENATE that the members of this body
19 commend the Vietnamese community in Georgia for their many triumphs and successes in
20 the years following the collapse of their government in 1975 and recognize the community's
21 pride in their "Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag."

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.