

House Resolution 710

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing April 30, 2015, as Vietnam Remembrance Day; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, April 30, 2015, marks the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of
3 the Vietnam War; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on April 30, 1975, the capital city of South Vietnam, Saigon, fell to the
5 Communist invaders from the north, changing the lives of many South Vietnamese people
6 forever; and
- 7 WHEREAS, approximately 125,000 people from South Vietnam fled to the United States
8 after the fall of Saigon in 1975, and significant waves of refugees arrived in the United States
9 in 1978, 1982, and 1992 as well; and
- 10 WHEREAS, South Vietnamese refugees were fleeing the harsh treatment and suppression
11 of human rights by an authoritarian government; ethnic, religious, and political persecution;
12 political executions of former South Vietnamese officials and their families; forced
13 resettlement in remote areas; and deteriorating living conditions brought on by food
14 shortages, flooding, and drought; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the United States played a significant role in aiding hundreds of thousands of
16 refugees after the fall of Saigon, when more than 1.5 million Vietnamese were forced to flee
17 their homeland under the threat of deteriorating living conditions and widespread human
18 rights abuse; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans now participate actively in public life in the United
20 States and are distinguished in business, politics, the arts, sports, and humanitarian
21 endeavors.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the success of Vietnamese Americans and recognize
24 April 30, 2015, as Vietnam Remembrance Day.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 public and the press.