

1 SJR111
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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Dial, Ward, Allen, Fielding, Bedford,
4 and Smith
5 RFD:
6 First Read: 20-MAR-14

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4 ENROLLED, SJR111,

5 RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAMESE HERITAGE AND FREEDOM FLAG
6 AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA'S
7 VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

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9 WHEREAS, one of the most important symbols of a free
10 nation and its people is its flag because it signifies courage
11 and liberty; and

12 WHEREAS, a significant number of
13 Vietnamese-Americans make the State of Alabama their home; and

14 WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-American community makes
15 substantial contributions to the cultural, religious,
16 political, and business life of the State of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, the vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans
18 in this state embrace the yellow with three red stripes
19 Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official symbol of the
20 Vietnamese-American community; and

21 WHEREAS, this flag is widely embraced in the
22 Vietnamese-American community because of its long history as a
23 symbol of resilience, freedom, and democracy both in Vietnam
24 itself and Vietnamese-American communities throughout the
25 State of Alabama and elsewhere; and

1 WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-Americans in the State of
2 Alabama have proudly raised this Heritage and Freedom Flag
3 alongside the flag of the United States as a demonstration of
4 their support for freedom and democracy in their country of
5 origin and in protest to the violations of basic human and
6 civil rights of the current government of Vietnam; now
7 therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we formally recognize the
10 Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official symbol of
11 the Vietnamese-American community in Alabama, and we affirm
12 the efforts of the Vietnamese-American community in this
13 country to promote freedom and democracy in their country of
14 origin.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

SJR111
Senate 20-MAR-14
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 03-APR-14

By: Senator Holtzclaw