

House Resolution 1080

By: Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Park of the 107th, Marin of the 96th, and Hong of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Vietnamese American Community of Georgia and
2 congratulating it on its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American Community of Georgia is a 501c3 nonprofit
4 organization founded in 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, the organization strives to help Vietnamese Americans in Georgia build a
6 close-knit community, retain cultural traditions, and provide a better understanding of
7 Vietnamese heritage, arts, and language to the young people of the community; and

8 WHEREAS, its mission also includes promoting Vietnamese civil liberties, human rights,
9 and other basic freedoms for Vietnam and all Vietnamese around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2003, the organization formed a group to encourage state and local
11 jurisdictions to recognize and pass legislation honoring the Vietnamese Heritage and
12 Freedom Flag, which is three red stripes on a saffron background, and an emblem of
13 community and cultural identity, symbolizing freedom, democracy, and the legendary
14 resilience of the Vietnamese people; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2007 this flag was officially recognized by the Georgia legislature; and

16 WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American Community of Georgia has partnered with the
17 Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association to construct the Vietnam War Monument
18 to honor the more than 300,000 Vietnamese soldiers, the 58,318 American soldiers, and the
19 6,088 soldiers from six other countries who sacrificed their lives fighting for freedom from
20 Communist Vietnam; and

21 WHEREAS, this fine organization also sponsors many important events throughout the year
22 including the Annual Tet Lunar New Year Festival and Vietnam Remembrance Day; and

23 WHEREAS, for 30 years, the Vietnamese American community has continued to flourish
24 in large part because of the Vietnamese American Community of Georgia.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend the Vietnamese American Community of
27 Georgia and congratulate it on its 30th anniversary.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Vietnamese American Community of Georgia.