

House Resolution 409

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 30, 2023, as Vietnam Remembrance Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on April 30, 1975, the capital city of South Vietnam, Saigon, fell to the
3 Communist invaders from the north, changing the lives of many South Vietnamese people
4 forever; and

5 WHEREAS, approximately 125,000 people from South Vietnam fled to the United States
6 after the fall of Saigon in 1975, and significant waves of refugees arrived in the United States
7 in 1978, 1982, and 1992 as well; and

8 WHEREAS, South Vietnamese refugees were fleeing the harsh treatment and suppression
9 of human rights by an authoritarian government; ethnic, religious, and political persecution;
10 political executions of former South Vietnamese officials and their families; forced
11 resettlement in remote areas; and deteriorating living conditions brought on by food
12 shortages, flooding, and drought; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States played a significant role in aiding hundreds of thousands of
14 refugees after the fall of Saigon, when more than 1.5 million Vietnamese were forced to flee

15 their homeland under the threat of deteriorating living conditions and widespread human
16 rights abuse; and

17 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans now participate actively in public life in the United
18 States and are distinguished in business, politics, the arts, sports, and humanitarian
19 endeavors.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend the success of Vietnamese Americans and recognize
22 April 30, 2023, as Vietnam Remembrance Day.

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