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H. RES. 560

Recognizing the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American community in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2023

Mrs. STEEL (for herself and Mr. CORREA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American community in the United States.

Whereas 58,000 American servicemen and nearly 250,000 Vietnamese sacrificed their lives for freedom in Vietnam;

Whereas the former Republic of Vietnam flag design was incorporated in the Vietnam Service Medal created by President Lyndon Johnson;

Whereas the hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese who have resettled in the United States have made positive contributions to the historical, cultural, educational, and economic prosperity of their local communities;

Whereas Vietnamese Americans remain vigilant in opposing tyranny of all forms, actively supporting human rights for all people, and celebrating the principles of democracy, justice, and tolerance;

Whereas the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam, with three red stripes upon a field of gold, symbolizes resilience, freedom, and democracy of Vietnamese Americans in the United States;

Whereas Vietnamese Americans in the United States embrace the flag as a uniting symbol; and

Whereas the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam has been formally recognized by 20 States, 15 counties, and 85 cities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the flag of the former Republic
3 of Vietnam as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-
4 American community in the United States;

5 (2) recognizes the flag of the former Republic
6 of Vietnam as a symbol of hope, love, and freedom
7 for the Vietnamese-American community in the
8 United States;

9 (3) honors the contributions of Vietnamese
10 Americans to the United States over the last 48
11 years;

12 (4) honors and recognizes the contributions of
13 the veterans of the Armed Forces of the United
14 States who served in Vietnam; and

1 (5) encourages all citizens of the United States
2 to call for freedom, human rights, and democracy in
3 Vietnam.

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