
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 613 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PAYTON, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOYD, BUXTON, FAIRCHILD,
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MUSTIO, PARKER, PETRONE, SAINATO, SIPTROTH, VULAKOVICH AND
READSHAW, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 28, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Freedom and Heritage Flag of the former Republic
2 of Vietnam as the official symbol of this Commonwealth's
3 Vietnamese-American community.

4 WHEREAS, The end of the Vietnam Conflict produced an exodus
5 of more than two million Vietnamese people who sought political
6 asylum in the free world and bravely risked their lives to live
7 under the principles of democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, There are a significant number of Vietnamese
9 Americans who have chosen to make this Commonwealth their home;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's Vietnamese-American community
12 has made substantial contributions to the cultural, religious,
13 political and business life of Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, The vast majority of this Commonwealth's Vietnamese-
15 American citizens embrace the yellow and three red-striped flag
16 as the Freedom and Heritage Flag of the Vietnamese-American
17 community; and

1 WHEREAS, The Freedom and Heritage Flag of the former Republic
2 of Vietnam is symbolic of the Vietnamese people, freedom, human
3 rights, democracy and those who sacrificed their lives in order
4 to defend these essential societal principles; and

5 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans of this Commonwealth proudly
6 raise this Freedom and Heritage Flag; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives formally
8 recognize the Freedom and Heritage Flag as the official symbol
9 of this Commonwealth's Vietnamese-American community and support
10 the efforts of the Vietnamese-American community to promote
11 freedom and democracy in Vietnam.