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HR-34 (2015-2016)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2015–2016 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 34

Introduced by Assembly Member Daly

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January 13, 2016

Relative to Black April Memorial Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 34, as amended, Daly.

WHEREAS, April 30, 2016, marks the 41st anniversary of the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, to communism; and

WHEREAS, For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy full of great suffering and the loss of American, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian lives; and

WHEREAS, Fifty-eight thousand one hundred sixty-nine people were killed and 304,000 were wounded out of the 2.59 million people who served in the Vietnam War. One out of every 10 Americans who served in Vietnam became a casualty of war; and

WHEREAS, After the fall of Saigon, over 135,000 Vietnamese people and their families fled to the United States, including former military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked for the United States during the war; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of people took boats in order to leave Vietnam in the late 1970s to mid-1980s. The successful emigrants reached refugee camps in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Hong Kong; while approximately one-half of the

people fleeing Vietnam perished at sea; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Census for 2010, more than 465,000 Vietnamese live in California, with the largest concentration of Vietnamese found outside of Vietnam residing in Orange County and Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Human rights, religious freedom, democracy, and protection against threats of aggression are important concerns of Vietnamese Americans; and

WHEREAS, We must teach our children and future generations important lessons from the Vietnam War, including how the plight of the Vietnamese refugees following the end of war serves as a powerful example of the values of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers, medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War in pursuit of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese American communities throughout California will commemorate April 30, 2016, as Black April, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom, including freedom of expression, freedom of press, and Internet freedom; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That in recognition of the great tragedy and suffering and lives lost during the Vietnam War, the week of April 23, 2016, to April 30, 2016, inclusive, shall be proclaimed Black April Memorial Week, a special time for Californians to remember the countless lives lost during the Vietnam War era, and to hope for more justice and liberty for the people of Vietnam; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.