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**ACR-195 Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 195**

**CHAPTER 141**

Relative to the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag.

[ Filed with Secretary of State July 02, 2024. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 195, Low. Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag.

This measure would recognize the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag as the cultural and heritage flag of the Vietnamese American community and as a symbol of the community's continued struggle for freedom and liberty for the people of Vietnam, commemorate the anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, and acknowledge and recognize the Vietnamese American community's commitment to the principles of democracy, justice, and the protection and advancement of human rights.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, On April 30, 1975, the Republic of Vietnam was overthrown by forces of the North Vietnam communist regime in an event now widely known and referred to as the "Fall of Saigon" and "Black April"; and

WHEREAS, The Fall of Saigon is solemnly observed in Vietnamese American communities across the United States on and around April 30 of each year; and

WHEREAS, Since the Fall of Saigon, more than 1,000,000 refugees and immigrants from the former Republic of Vietnam have immigrated to the United States, and the State of California has become home to over 798,624 Vietnamese residents, with the largest Vietnamese communities established in the City of San Jose and the County of Orange, which have become known as "Little Saigon"; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community recognizes, embraces, and cherishes the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag, also known as the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam, comprising three horizontal stripes of red upon a field of gold, as the heritage flag of the Vietnamese American community and as a symbol of the community's solemn connection to Vietnam and family and friends still residing there and their continued struggle for freedom and democracy for the people of Vietnam; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes that the culture and history of the Vietnamese American people should be distinguished and honored with the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag as the cultural and heritage flag of the Vietnamese American community and as a symbol of the community's continued struggle for freedom and liberty for the people of Vietnam, commemorates the anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, and acknowledges and recognizes the

Vietnamese American community's commitment to the principles of democracy, justice, and the protection and advancement of human rights on which the United States was founded; and be it further

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