

House Concurrent Resolution No. 33

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BURNETT (Sponsor), OXFORD, HUGHES, TALBOY,
ROORDA, LeVOTA, LOW, FUNDERBURK, COLONA,
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2 **Whereas**, the current government of Vietnam is a nondemocratic, one-party system
3 of government without rule of law that arbitrarily infringes upon the basic human and civil
4 liberties of its citizens; and

5 **Whereas**, Vietnamese-Americans were forced to flee Vietnam in fear of the
6 government of Vietnam's campaign of retribution and persecution after the fall of Saigon in
7 1975; and

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9 **Whereas**, the State of Missouri is home to 20,000 Vietnamese-Americans and
10 residents of Vietnamese descent who have made substantial contributions to the cultural,
11 religious, business, and commerce of the State of Missouri; and

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13 **Whereas**, the vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans embrace the yellow with
14 three red stripes heritage and freedom flag as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American
15 community; and

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17 **Whereas**, dating back to 1948, the yellow flag with three red stripes has a long
18 history in Vietnam and is a broader symbol of resilience, freedom, and democracy of and for
19 Vietnamese-Americans and free Vietnamese around the world; and

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21 **Whereas**, Vietnamese-Americans have shown their desire that the yellow flag with
22 three red stripes be recognized as the official flag of the Vietnamese-American community:

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24 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
25 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
26 concurring therein, hereby urge the State of Missouri to formally recognize the yellow with three
27 red stripes heritage and freedom flag as the official flag of the Vietnamese-American community
28 in this state, and permit this flag to be displayed on any state-owned property, at any state-
29 controlled or sponsored Vietnamese-American event, or at any public function organized by the
30 Vietnamese-American community, subject to the permit requirements of the event's locality; and
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32 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly encourages
33 county officials and city legislators in the State of Missouri to pass resolutions recognizing the
34 yellow with three red stripes heritage and freedom flag as the official flag of the Vietnamese-
35 American community.
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