
Introduced by Senator Nguyen

February 12, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18—Relative to
Vietnamese-American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 18, as introduced, Nguyen. Vietnamese-American Heritage Month.

This measure would memorialize the month of April 2015, as Vietnamese-American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Over the past four decades, Vietnamese immigrants
2 have enriched the social, cultural, and economic landscape of the
3 United States and the great State of California; and
4 WHEREAS, Many Vietnamese Americans living in the State
5 of California today came to the United States after the Fall of
6 Saigon on April 30, 1975, which marked the beginning of an
7 exodus of over one million Vietnamese who left their homeland
8 fleeing communism in search of freedom and democracy; and
9 WHEREAS, The State of California is home to over 580,000
10 Vietnamese Americans with the County of Orange having the
11 largest concentration of Vietnamese residents living outside of
12 Vietnam; and
13 WHEREAS, As new immigrants, Vietnamese Americans
14 overcame social, linguistic, and economic challenges through hard
15 work, achieving success in a plethora of professional fields,
16 including business, politics and law, science and education,
17 literature and journalism, and sports and entertainment; and

1 WHEREAS, Society has benefited from a long tradition of
2 Vietnamese Americans serving in the United States Armed Forces,
3 with 2014 marking the first time that a Vietnamese American was
4 promoted to the rank of General; from science advanced by the
5 first Vietnamese-born refugee to conduct experiments aboard the
6 Space Shuttle Columbia in 1992; and from entertainment provided
7 by All-Pro NFL athletes, Emmy Award-winning anchors,
8 acclaimed actors, and talented comedians; and

9 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have enhanced California's
10 culture through the establishment of vibrant Little Saigon
11 communities throughout the state that preserve Vietnamese
12 heritage, food, language, and customs for younger generations and
13 allow all Californians to be immersed in the richness of Vietnamese
14 culture; and

15 WHEREAS, Refusing to forget their historical struggle for
16 freedom and democracy, Vietnamese Americans throughout the
17 United States and the State of California continue to speak out
18 against the systematic assaults on the freedoms of expression and
19 religion perpetrated today by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
20 and advocate in favor of human rights and democracy in Vietnam
21 and worldwide; now therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the State of California takes great pleasure
24 in recognizing April 2015 as Vietnamese-American Heritage
25 Month, and declares that the immeasurable economic, social, and
26 cultural contributions of Vietnamese Americans are worthy of
27 recognition by all Californians and that we should never forget the
28 historic struggle of the Vietnamese-American people; and be it
29 further

30 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
31 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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