

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1016

By: Fugate, Adams, Alonso-Sandoval, Archer, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blair, Blancett, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Chapman, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Eaves, Fetgatter, Ford, Gann, George, Gise, Grego, Hall, Hardin, Harris, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hilbert, Hildebrant, Hill, Humphrey, Jenkins, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kelley, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lay, Lepak, Lowe (Dick), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, May, Maynard, McCane, Menz, Miller, Moore, Munson, Newton, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Pittman, Pogemiller, Provenzano, Ranson, Roberts, Roe, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Shaw, Smith, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stewart, Stinson, Strom, Tedford, Townley, Turner, Waldron, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Wilk, Williams, Wolfley, Woolley and Worthen of the House

and

Mann and Kirt of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon and end of the Vietnam War; recognizing the subsequent growth of the Vietnamese American community, culture, and economic impact in Oklahoma; and celebrating those who fought for the freedom of Vietnam and Vietnamese American citizens.

WHEREAS, April 30, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon, a pivotal moment in world history which marked the end of the Vietnam War and led to mass displacement of millions of Vietnamese refugees; and

WHEREAS, many Vietnamese families fled their homeland in search of freedom, safety, and opportunity, enduring perilous journeys and resettling in countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma became home to a vibrant Vietnamese American community that has enriched the state's cultural, economic, and social landscape over the past five decades; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American community in Oklahoma, particularly centered in the Asian District of Oklahoma City and across the state, has demonstrated exceptional resilience, work ethic, and civic commitment; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans in Oklahoma have made lasting contributions as entrepreneurs, educators, medical professionals, public servants, faith leaders, and community advocates; and

WHEREAS, cultural celebrations such as Tet (Vietnamese Lunar New Year) and the preservation of Vietnamese heritage have strengthened Oklahoma's multicultural identity and promoted cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, this 50th anniversary provides an opportunity for all Oklahomans to reflect on the tragic costs of war, the power of perseverance, and the enduring values of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, in honoring and recognizing our Vietnamese American Community, the State of Oklahoma continues to recognize the South Republic Heritage flag (yellow flag with three red stripes) as the

official flag to honor those who have fought for the freedom of Vietnam and our fellow Vietnamese American citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the 50th anniversary provides an opportunity for all Oklahomans to reflect on the tragic costs of war, the power of perseverance, and the enduring values of freedom and democracy; and achievements, and sacrifices of Vietnamese Americans in Oklahoma, who have become an integral part of this state's story.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT pursuant to the motion of Representative Andy Fugate, the Oklahoma State Legislature extends to the Vietnamese American Community sincere gratitude and directs this motion to be presented.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of April, 2025.

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