

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 1016

By: Fugate

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, in honoring and recognizing our Vietnamese American  
16 Community, the State of Oklahoma continues to recognize the South  
17 Republic Heritage flag (yellow flag with three red stripes) as the  
18 official flag to honor those who have fought for the freedom of  
19 Vietnam and our fellow Vietnamese American citizens of the State of  
20 Oklahoma; and

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

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

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

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