

Date of Hearing: June 2, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

ACR 134 (Nguyen) – As Introduced February 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims June 19, 2022, as Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day, in memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom and democracy and the victims of the Vietnam War, and in honor of the survivors, activists, and freedom fighters of that war. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Republic of Vietnam Military Forces consisted of four branches: the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Vietnam Air Force, the Republic of Vietnam Navy, and the Republic of Vietnam Marine Division.
- 2) The duties of all four branches included: protecting the sovereignty of the free Vietnamese nation and that of the Republic, maintaining the political and social order and the rule of law by providing internal security, defending the newly independent Republic of Vietnam from external and internal threats; and, ultimately, helping to reunify Vietnam, a country that had been divided since the Geneva Accords of 1954.
- 3) The Vietnam War brought about the loss of more than 250,000 members of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces and more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces. More than 300,000 members of the United States Armed Forces and more than 1,000,000 members of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces were injured.
- 4) The end of the Vietnam War left the South Vietnamese Armed Forces in disarray. Many military personnel and their family members fled Vietnam, and hoped to find democracy and freedom in the United States and other free nations. They spent months at sea and in jungles, battling hunger, thirst, and separation from their families and loved ones.
- 5) Many of those who reached the United States found refuge in California and in various states throughout the country. They faced socioeconomic challenges but were determined to build entirely new lives here.
- 6) Annually, Vietnamese Americans around the world recognize the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day on June 19, and this year, 2022, marks the 57th anniversary of this annual commemoration.
- 7) These servicemembers who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their nation and have contributed greatly to the development of our society deserve to be honored and recognized.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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